

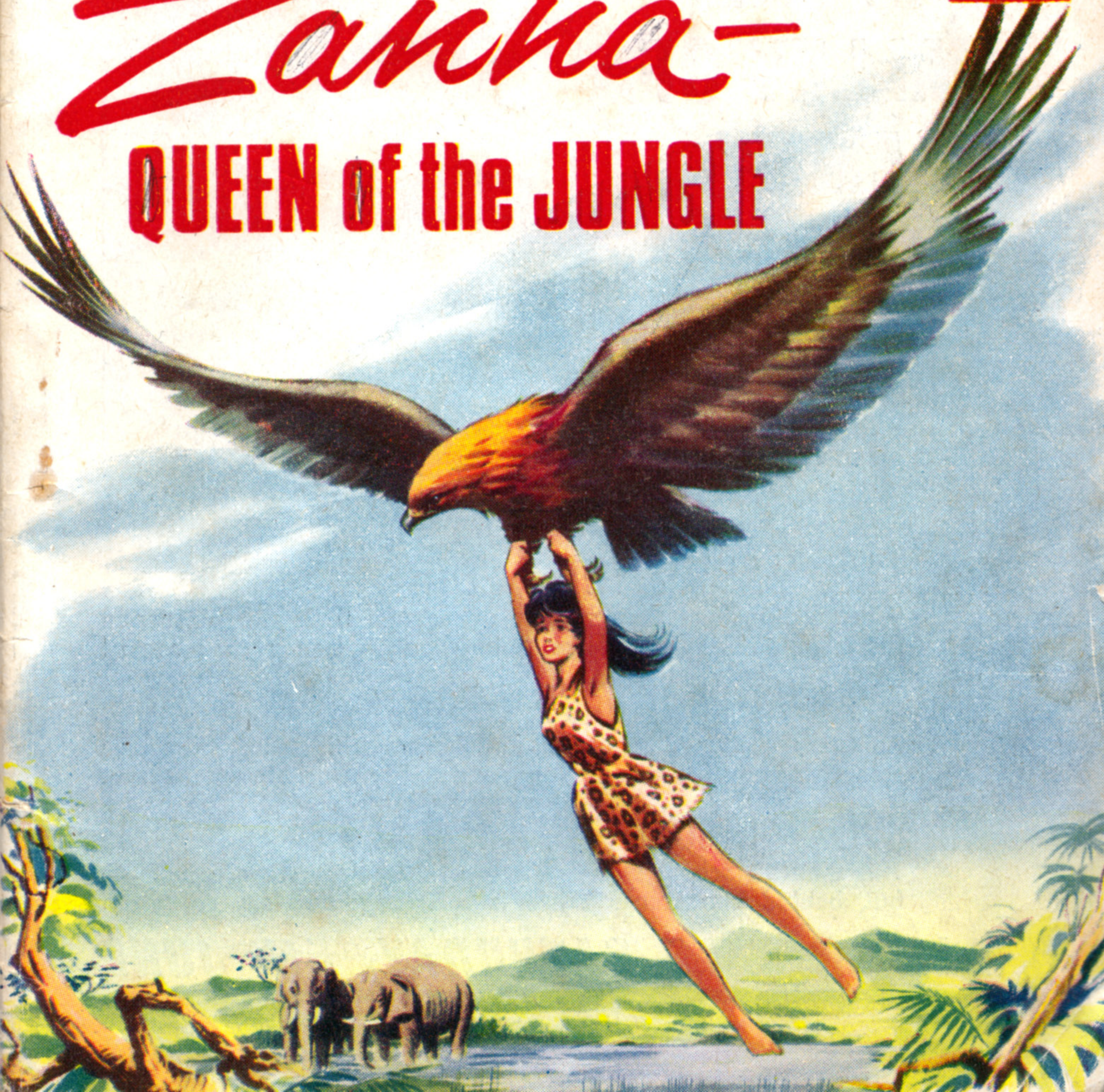
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Zanna- QUEEN of the JUNGLE

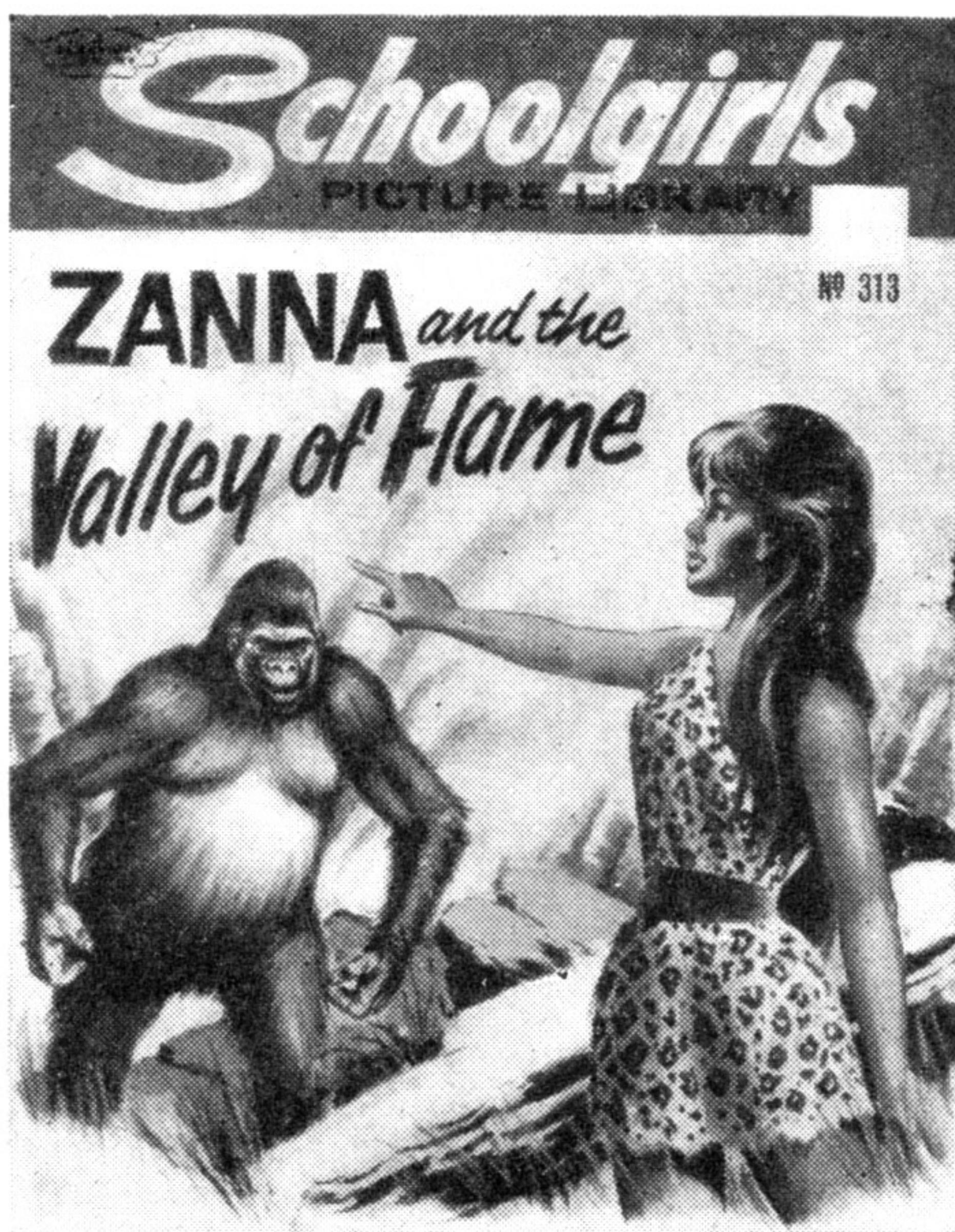


★ **Coming next month**

“ZANNA AND THE VALLEY OF FLAME”

No. 313

Zanna has her strangest adventure ever when she finds a little white boy being brought up by giant gorillas in a hidden valley deep in the jungle.



also:

No. 312 “ADVENTURE FOR 3”

When a bunch of crooks come up against Ossie the otter and his friends, Biddy and Mike, things look bad—for the crooks!

No. 314 “PLANET OF FEAR”

Another space story about Kim and Zenda. This month they have an exciting adventure in a strange and sinister world in outer space.

No. 315 “MAD ABOUT BALLET!”

This month's school story. The fourth formers stage a ballet—but behind the scenes there is a strange mystery to solve!

ALL ON SALE SATURDAY, 5th JUNE

ZANNA

Queen of the Jungle

IN THE DEEP JUNGLES
OF CENTRAL AFRICA
THEY SPEAK THE NAME
ZANNA IN AWED WHISPERS.
ZANNA OF THE FOREST—
SHE WHOM THE ANIMALS
OBEY, WHO WAS BROUGHT
UP AMONGST THEM AND
LOVES THEM BEYOND
ALL ELSE.

ZANNA THE WISE—
ZANNA THE POWERFUL!



BUT YOUNG ANIMAL-DOCTOR DAVE CARSON AND HIS COMPANIONS, JUDY NORSE AND AUSTEN WELLS, HAD NEVER HEARD OF ZANNA AS THEY TREKKED INTO THE WILDS.



M'BOMBO SAYS
THERE'S GOOD CAMPING
GROUND ABOUT A MILE
AHEAD, AUSTEN.

BETTER
KEEP OUR
EYES SKINNED,
THOUGH. THIS
IS LION
COUNTRY.

DAVE'S ASSISTANT, AUSTEN WELLS, HAD
HARDLY SPOKEN WHEN SUDDENLY...

BY GEORGE!
THAT LION!
IT'S THE COLOUR
OF PURE GOLD!

STAND ASIDE!
THE BRUTE
MAY BE A
KILLER!

THEN, FROM THE TREETOPS, CAME AN
ECHOING CALL—AND A GLIMPSE OF A
GIRLISH FIGURE...

AI-EE!
AI-EE!
AWAY, SIMBA—
AWAY!

LIKE A DOG ANSWERING ITS MASTER'S
CALL, THE MIGHTY BEAST BOUNDED AWAY.

THERE WAS A
GIRL—A GIRL IN
THE TREETOPS.
SHE CALLED TO
THE LION!

AND AS DAVE AND HIS COMPANIONS TURNED
TOWARDS THE NATIVE BEARERS...

IT WAS
ZANNA—RULER
OF THE
FOREST!

SHE CALLED
TO SIMBA—
THE GOLDEN
ONE!

SUPERSTITIOUS
RUBBISH! IF THERE
WAS A GIRL IN THE
TREE, IT MUST HAVE
BEEN A NATIVE.
GET MOVING,
THERE!

MEANWHILE, ZANNA WAS SWINGING THROUGH
THE TREETOPS AT AMAZING SPEED.

STRANGERS HAVE
COME TO THE FOREST,
O GOLDEN ONE.
WE MUST BE
WATCHFUL.

SO, IN A HIDDEN VALLEY, SHE REACHED THE TREE-TOP HOME WHERE SHE LIVED WITH SUKU, THE GREY PARROT, AND CHUPPI, THE CHIMPANZEE.

CHA~CHA~
CHA~
CHEE~EEE!

WHY IS CHUPPI
SO DISTURBED?
SOMETHING IS
WRONG!

THE DAY BEFORE, SHE HAD GIVEN SHELTER TO A SICK ANIMAL. SHE HAD HOPED IT WOULD BE GAINING STRENGTH, BUT NOW...

TONGA, THE
BABY FAWN!
HE IS SUDDENLY
DESPERATELY
ILL!

TONGA WAS TOO WEAK TO TAKE THE
MEDICINES THAT ZANNA BREWED
FROM JUNGLE HERBS.

ALL NIGHT ZANNA WATCHED OVER THE SICK FAWN. AND AT SUNRISE...



RISING AND FALLING OVER THE JUNGLE CAME THE THROB OF DRUMS...

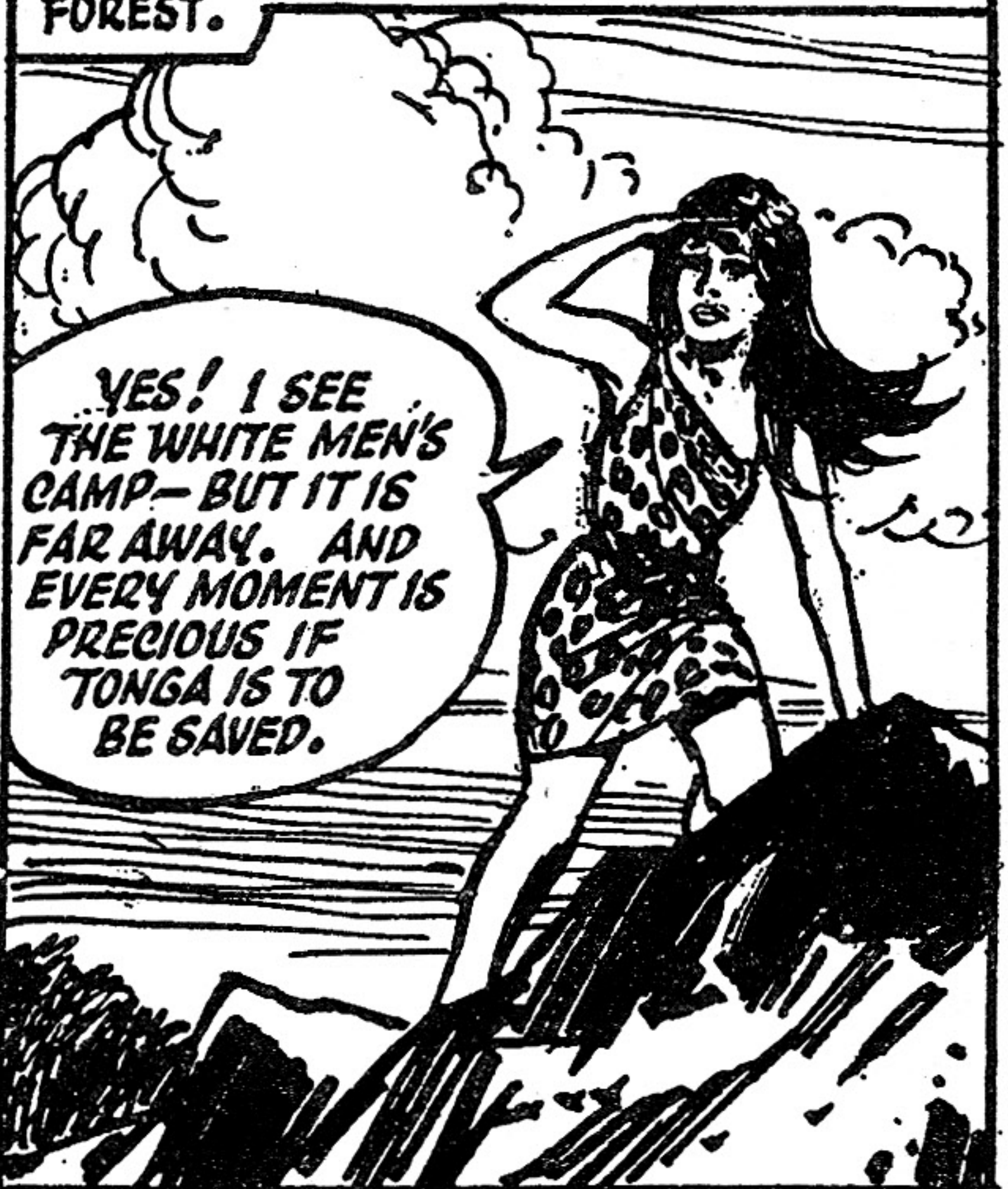


...DRUMS THAT SENT MESSAGES FROM TRIBE TO TRIBE, IN A LANGUAGE ZANNA HAD LEARNED TO UNDERSTAND.

THE DRUMS SPEAK OF A WHITE ANIMAL-DOCTOR, WITH WONDROUS MEDICINES, WHO HAS COME TO THE JUNGLE. IT MUST BE ONE OF THE WHITE MEN I SAW YESTERDAY!



SWIFTLY, ZANNA CLIMBED TO A CRAGGY PEAK WHICH ROSE ABOVE THE THICK FOREST.



HIGH ABOVE THE PEAK HOVERED KUKRA, THE GIANT EAGLE. AND SUDDENLY BELOW HIM ECHOED A VOICE THAT HE KNEW AND OBEYED.

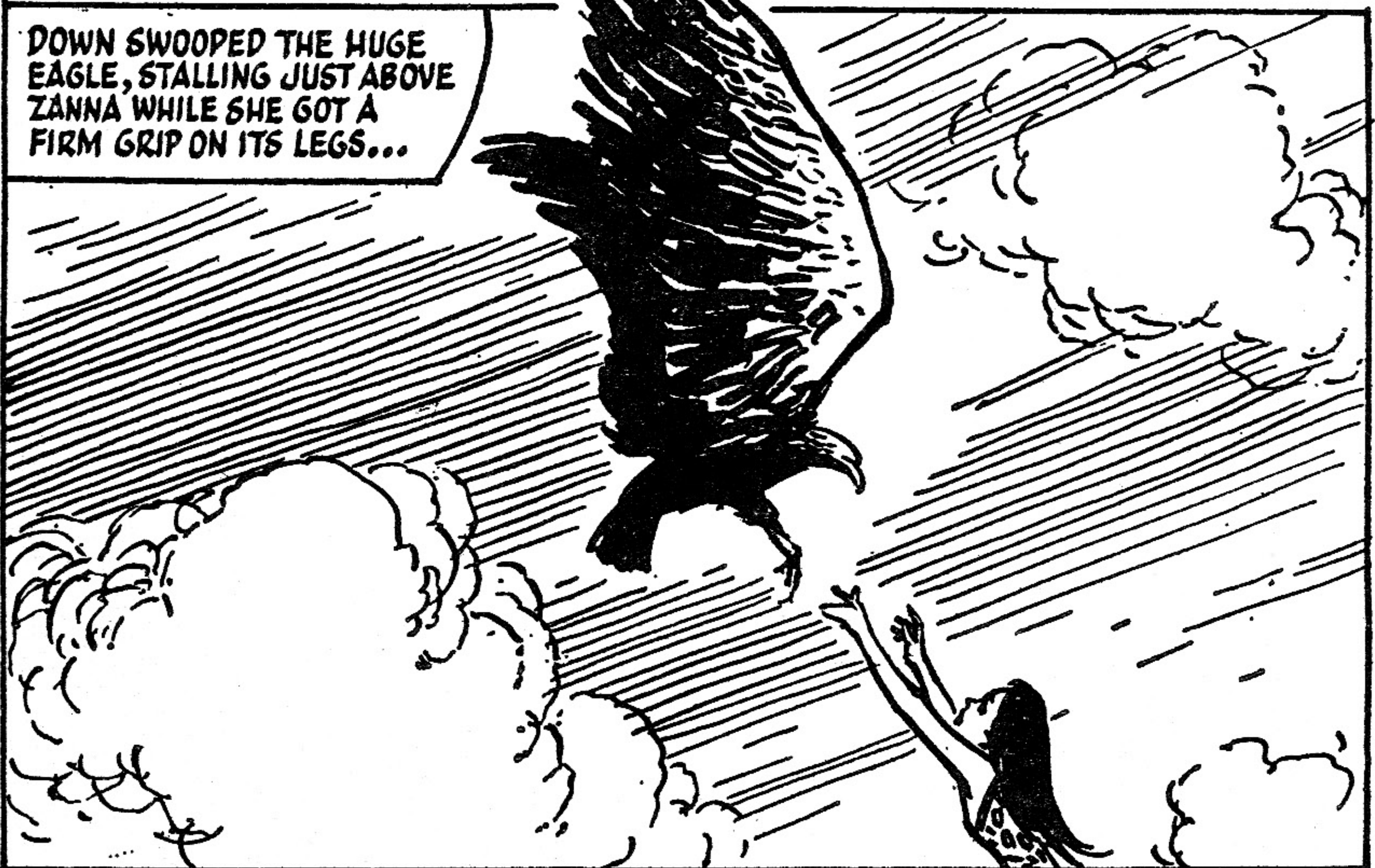


KUKRA~A~A!
ZAAA~EEE!
KUKRA~A~A!

HELP ME,
KUKRA!
HELP ME!



DOWN SWOOPED THE HUGE EAGLE, STALLING JUST ABOVE ZANNA WHILE SHE GOT A FIRM GRIP ON ITS LEGS...



THEN...






EARLIER THAT MORNING
DAVE CARSON HAD HELD
A CONFERENCE WITH HIS
TWO HELPERS.

A
THOUSAND THANKS,
O MIGHTY ONE!
AS SWIFT AS THE
LIGHTNING YOU HAVE
BROUGHT ME CLOSE
TO THE WHITE
MEN'S CAMP.

REMEMBER!
WE'VE COME HERE
WITH TWO OBJECTS —
TO STUDY WILD LIFE AT
CLOSE QUARTERS AND
TRY AND TRACE THE
LEGENDARY LOST
TEMPLE OF
SHEBA.

THE TEMPLE IS
SUPPOSED TO BE
FILLED WITH TREASURE.
THERE'LL BE A
TREMENDOUS REWARD
FOR FINDING IT.



FOR CENTURIES THERE HAD BEEN A
LEGEND THAT THE FABULOUS QUEEN
OF SHEBA HAD ONCE TRAVELLED TO
CENTRAL AFRICA AND BUILT A TEMPLE
WHICH HAD SINCE DISAPPEARED...

FROM CERTAIN OLD
DOCUMENTS HE HAD FOUND DAVE
BELIEVED THE TEMPLE COULD HAVE
BEEN IN THIS AREA.



THINK WHAT WE
COULD DO WITH THAT REWARD.
WE COULD FOUND THE FINEST
GAME RESERVE IN AFRICA —
WE COULD HELP PRESERVE
WILD SPECIES IN DANGER
OF DYING OUT!

AS AUSTEN WELLS MOVED AWAY...



THAT FOOL CARSON!
IF WE FIND THE TEMPLE
WE'RE NOT WASTING ITS
TREASURES ON GAME
RESERVES.
IT'S ALL COMING
TO ME!

AUSTEN WAS VERY QUICK ON THE TRIGGER, AND SEEING
A MOVEMENT IN THE BUSH...



SOME
SPYING NATIVE!
THAT'LL SCARE
HIM!

THE BULLET STRUCK A TREE CLOSE TO ZANNA —
AND HER EYES FLASHED IN ANGER.

SO!
ZANNA CAME
IN PEACE TO ASK
FOR HELP, BUT THE
WHITE MEN USE THEIR
FIRE-STICKS. ZANNA
WILL NO LONGER BEG—
SHE WILL
DEMAND!

LATER...

THAT CUT SHOULD
BE OKAY NOW, M'BOMBO.
WE'LL MOVE INTO THE
JUNGLE WITH THE
CAMERAS.

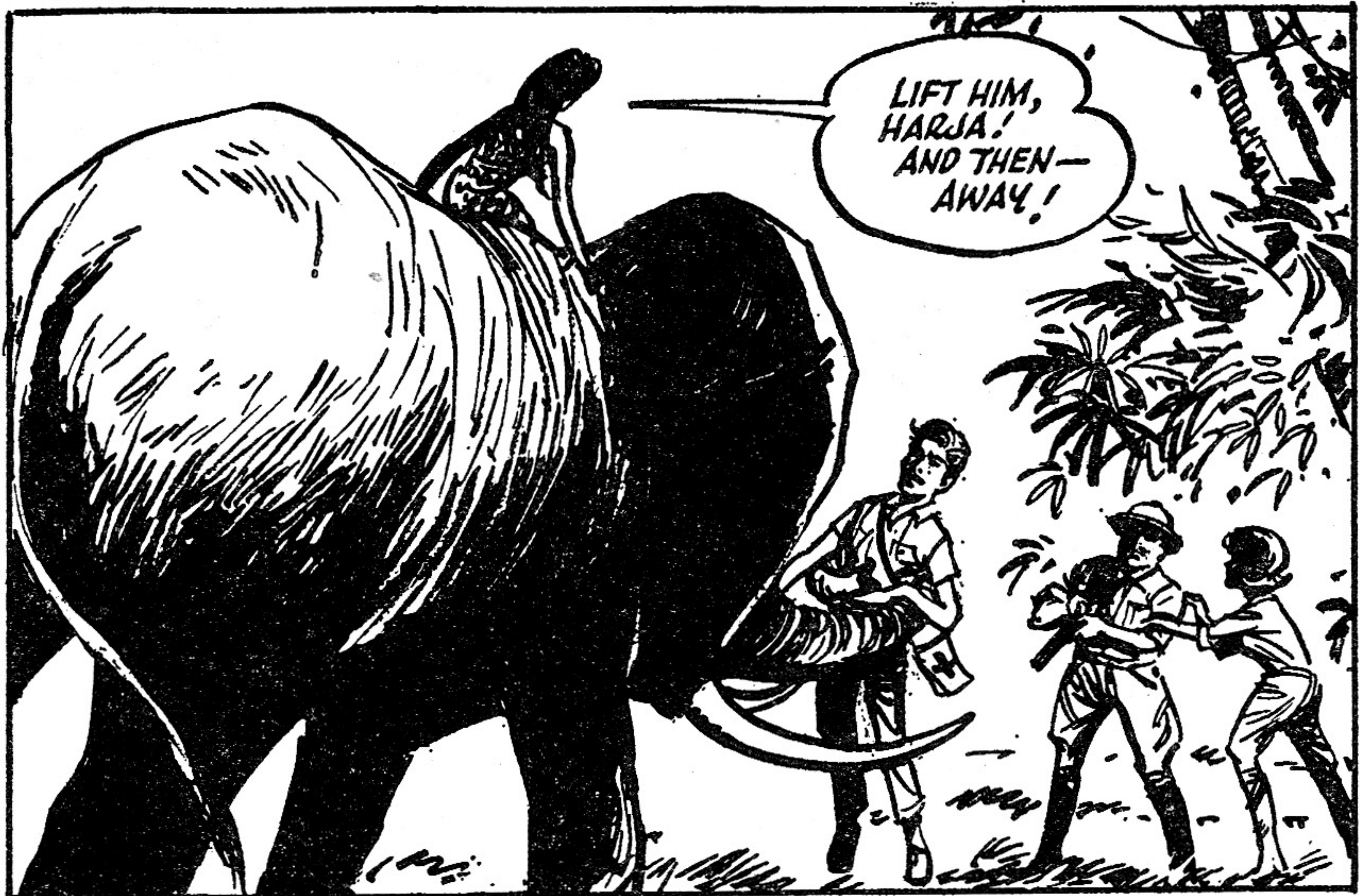
THEY'RE ALL LOADED,
DAVE. AND I'LL BE READY
TO DEVELOP THE FILM AS
SOON AS YOU GET
BACK.

SUDDENLY...

WHITE DOCTOR -
YOU COME WITH ME.
ZANNA COMMANDS
IT!

WHAT THE
HECK!

IT IS SHE -
IT IS ZANNA,
QUEEN OF THE
FOREST!



IN THE TREE-HOUSE ZANNA'S IMPERIOUS MANNER CHANGED. THERE WERE TEARS IN HER EYES...

I FEAR
HE MAY DIE,
FOR MY HERB
MEDICINES WILL
NOT CURE
HIM.

LET ME SEE.



A SWIFT EXAMINATION - AN ANTIBIOTIC INJECTION -
AND SOON...

THAT WILL
REDUCE THE
FEVER. HE'LL
BE OKAY.

AI! MY
HEART IS FULL
OF THANKS,
WHITE DOCTOR.





WHEN DAVE REACHED CAMP...

THANK GOODNESS
YOU'RE SAFE,
DAVE!

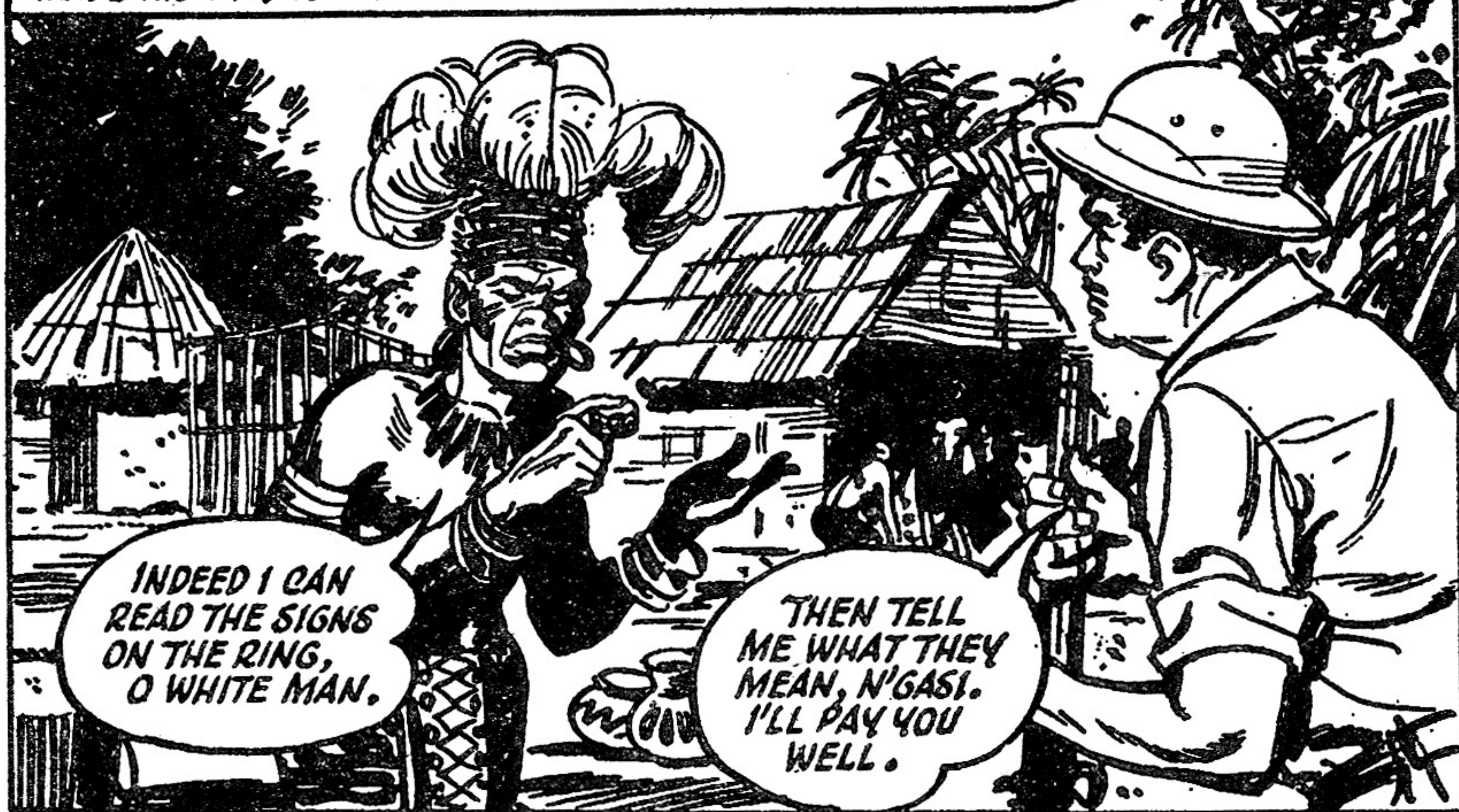
IT'S TIME THAT
SAVAGE JUNGLE GIRL
WAS PUT UNDER
LOCK AND KEY.

NO!
SHE'S JUST
AS MARVELLOUS
AS THE NATIVES SAY
SHE IS, AUSTEN. AND
LOOK AT THIS RING SHE
GAVE ME — I BELIEVE
IT'S SOMEHOW
LINKED WITH THE
QUEEN OF SHEBA.

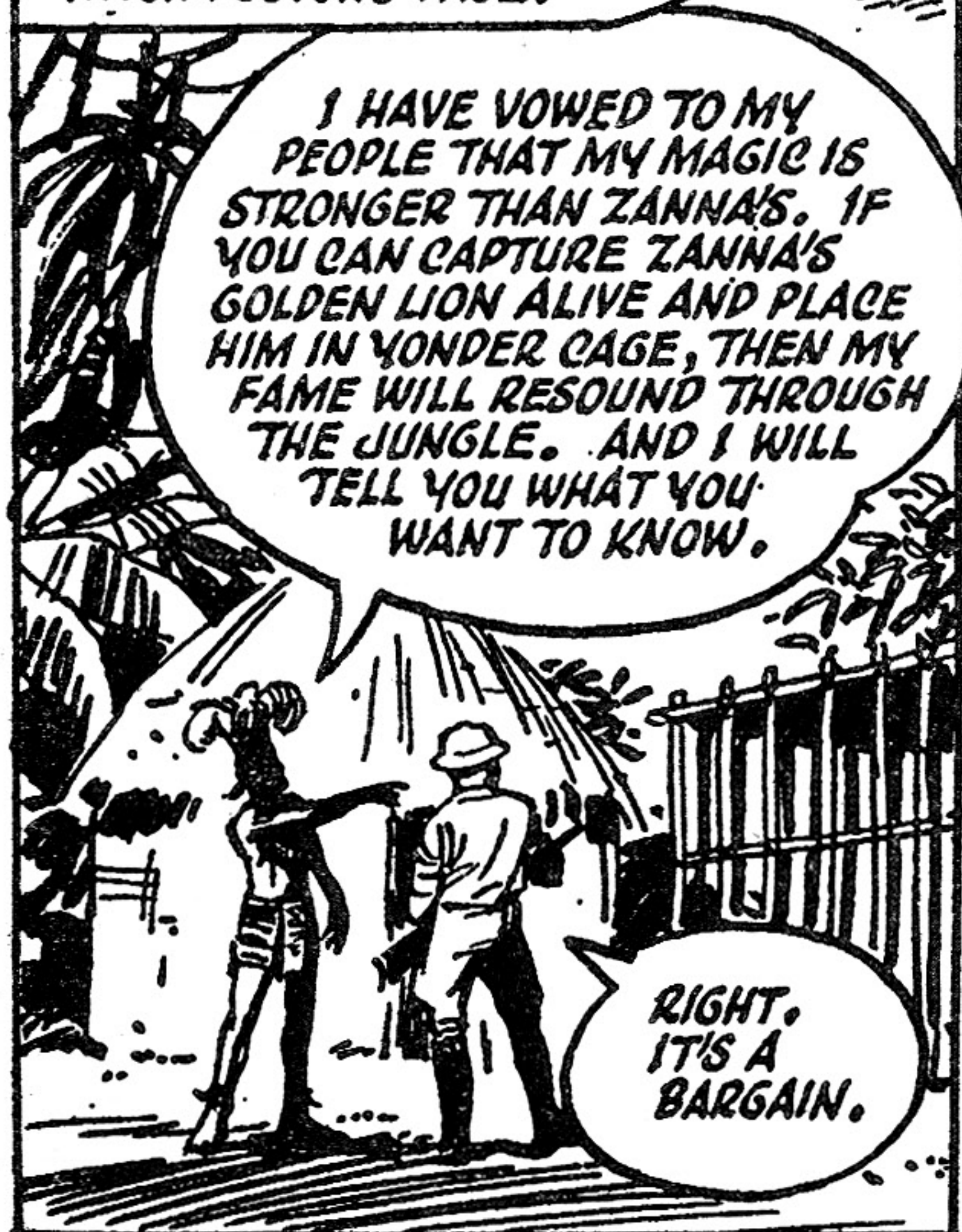
AUSTEN'S EYES GLITTERED AS HE
EXAMINED THE RING.

I'M SURE THIS
IS THE QUEEN'S RING —
AND I KNOW SOMEONE WHO
MAY BE ABLE TO TRANSLATE
THE HIEROGLYPHICS ENGRAVED
ON THE INNER SIDE OF IT.
LEAVE IT TO ME, DAVE.

AUSTEN WELLS HAD TRAVELLED IN THESE PARTS BEFORE, AND HE MADE HIS WAY TO THE WITCH-DOCTOR OF A LOCAL TRIBE.



A CRAFTY LOOK CROSSED THE WITCH-DOCTOR'S FACE.



THAT EVENING,
AT MOONRISE...



SIMBA!
WHY DO YOU DELAY,
O GOLDEN ONE?
WHY DO YOU NOT
RETURN FROM YOUR
EVENING DRINK
AT THE POOL? -
SIMBA-A-A!

ZANNA COULD NOT GUESS THAT THE
GREAT LION WAS LYING DRUGGED.



THERE YOU ARE,
NGASI. GET YOUR
MEN TO CARRY HIM
TO THE CAGE - AND
YOU CAN TELL 'EM IT'S
ALL DUE TO YOUR
MAGIC.

GODD.
AND WHEN HE
IS SAFE IN THE
CAGE I TELL YOU
THE MEANING
OF THE
RING.

AND WHEN ZANNA WENT IN SEARCH
OF THE LION...



THE BRUTE WILL
COME TO HIMSELF
WHEN YOU GET HIM
IN THE CAGE. LATER,
I CAN SHOOT HIM
FOR YOU.

AI-EE!
WHAT
TREACHERY
IS THIS?



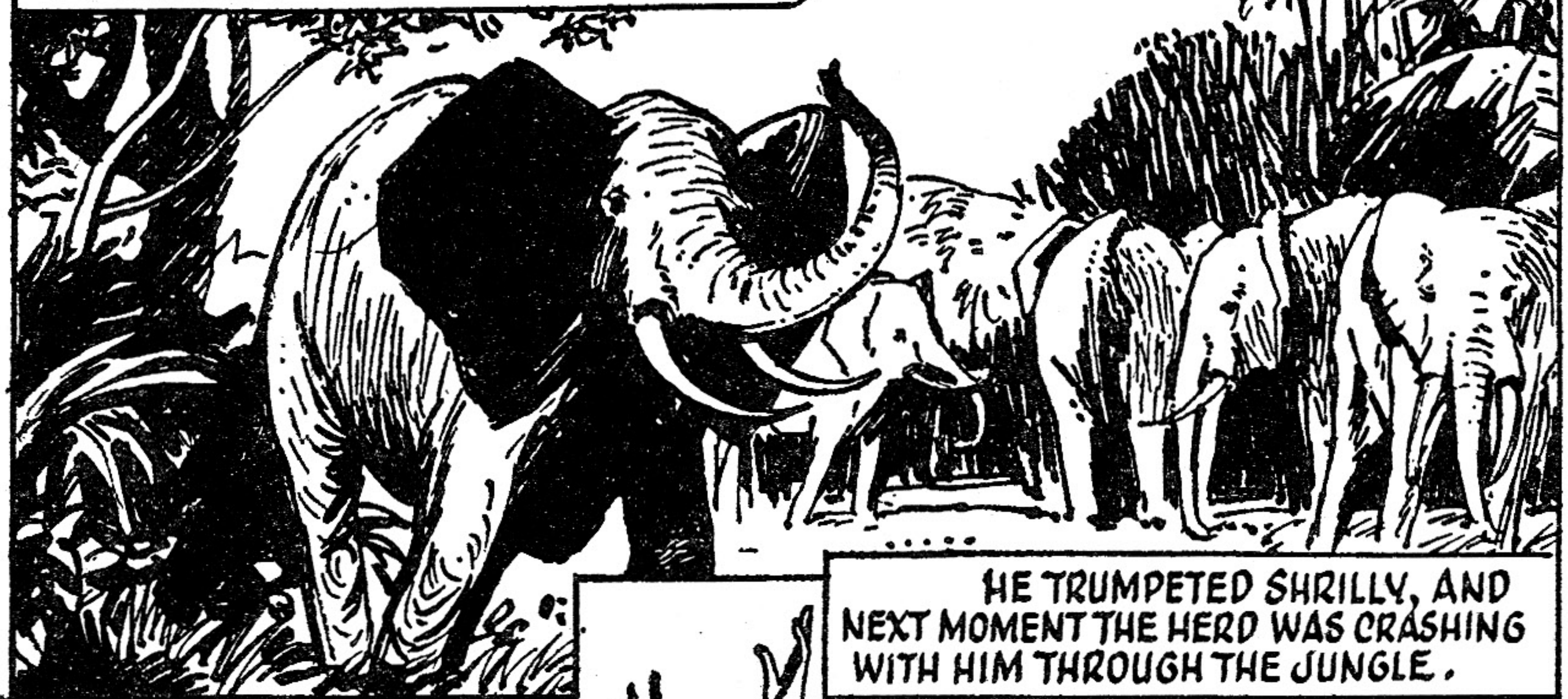
SO THE
WHITE MEN ARE
NOT THE FRIENDS
OF ANIMALS
AFTER ALL —
THEY ARE CRUEL
HUNTERS.

AT TREMENDOUS SPEED
ZANNA SWUNG THROUGH
THE TREES.

BENEATH A MIGHTY BAOBAB
TREE HUNG A SLENDER HORN
WHICH ZANNA HAD FASHIONED
HERSELF.

NOW I GO TO
SOUND THE IVORY
HORN. SIMBA MUST
BE RESCUED.
WOE—WOE TO THE
FALSE WHITE
MEN!

ITS WEIRD ECHOING NOTES REACHED THE EARS OF HARJA,
AS HE STOOD SENTINEL OVER THE HERD.



HE TRUMPETED SHRILLY, AND
NEXT MOMENT THE HERD WAS CRASHING
WITH HIM THROUGH THE JUNGLE.

ON, HARJA, ON!
WE GO TO RESCUE
SIMBA! WE GO TO
SEEK VENGEANCE
ON THE WHITE
HUNTERS!

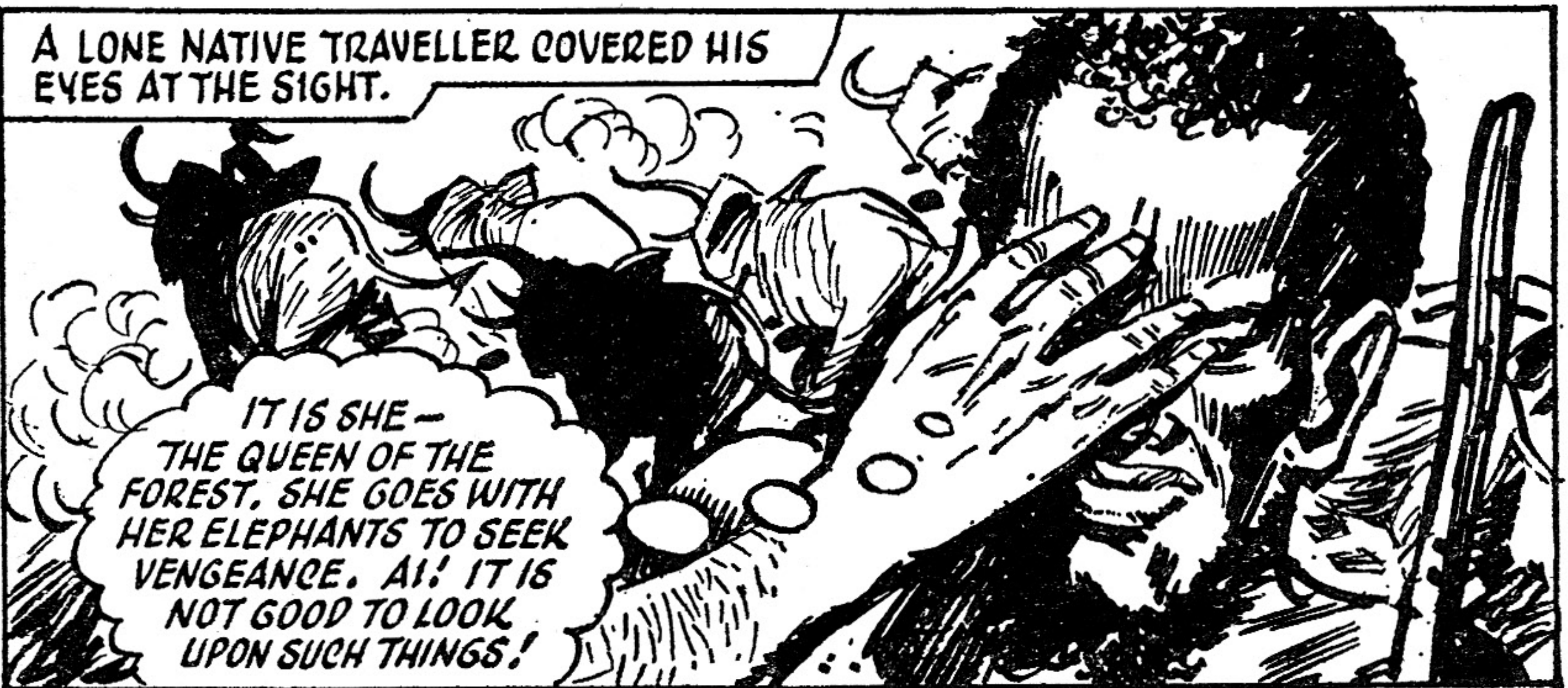


IT WAS AS IF THE WHOLE FOREST KNEW THAT ZANNA WAS ANGRY. BIRDS TOOK FLIGHT... THE MONKEYS CHATTERED ANXIOUSLY...



A LONE NATIVE TRAVELLER COVERED HIS EYES AT THE SIGHT.

IT IS SHE —
THE QUEEN OF THE
FOREST. SHE GOES WITH
HER ELEPHANTS TO SEEK
VENGEANCE. AI! IT IS
NOT GOOD TO LOOK
UPON SUCH THINGS!



AT THE CAMP, DAVE WAS INSPECTING SOME PHOTOS THAT JUDY HAD JUST DEVELOPED.



THESE ARE FINE, JUDY. WONDER IF AUSTEN HAS FOUND OUT WHAT THOSE SIGNS ON THE RING MEAN?

DAVE— LISTEN! WHAT IS THAT GREAT NOISE?

NEXT MOMENT THEY BOTH STARTED BACK IN ALARM.



YOU ARE FALSE, WHITE MAN— YOU HAVE LIED TO ZANNA! WOE— WOE TO YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS!

ZANNA? BUT— BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND—

SHE MUST BE CRAZY, DAVE— CRAZY AND SAVAGE!

ZANNA'S CRIES ECHOED EERILY IN THE FOREST.

ON, HARJA—
ON!
WE WILL REPAY
THE TREACHERY OF
THE WHITE MEN!

I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND IT.
WHEN I SPOKE TO
HER BEFORE SHE
SEEMED FRIENDLY.

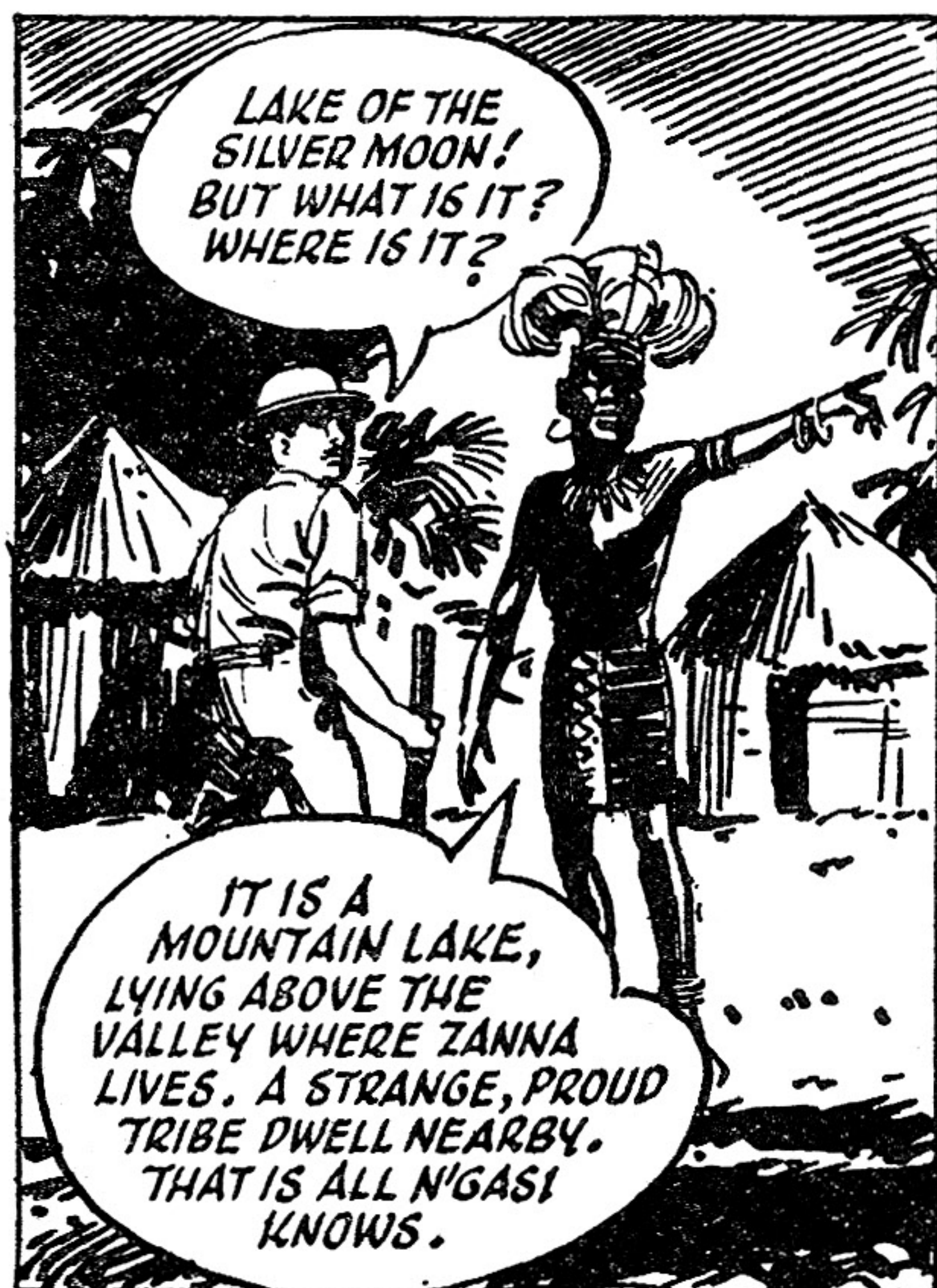
YOU CAN'T
TRUST HER,
DAVE. SHE'S
LIKE A WILD
ANIMAL!

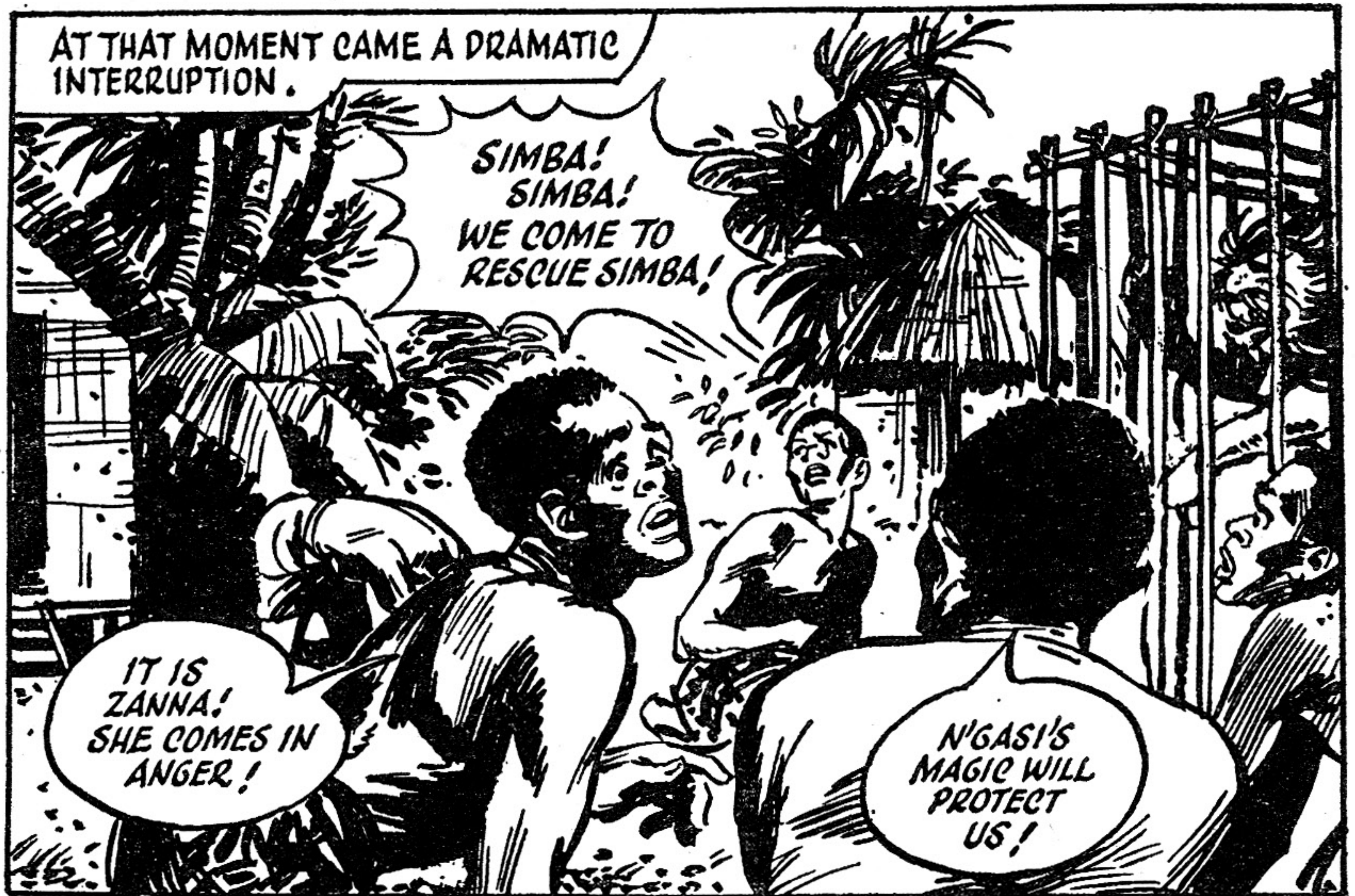
MEANWHILE, IN THE NATIVE VILLAGE...

GREAT IS THE
MAGIC OF N'GASI.
BY HIS SPELLS HE
HAS CAGED THE
GOLDEN LION.

EVEN ZANNA
COULD NOT PROTECT
SIMBA AGAINST THE
MAGIC OF N'GASI.

HAIL!
HAIL TO
N'GASI!

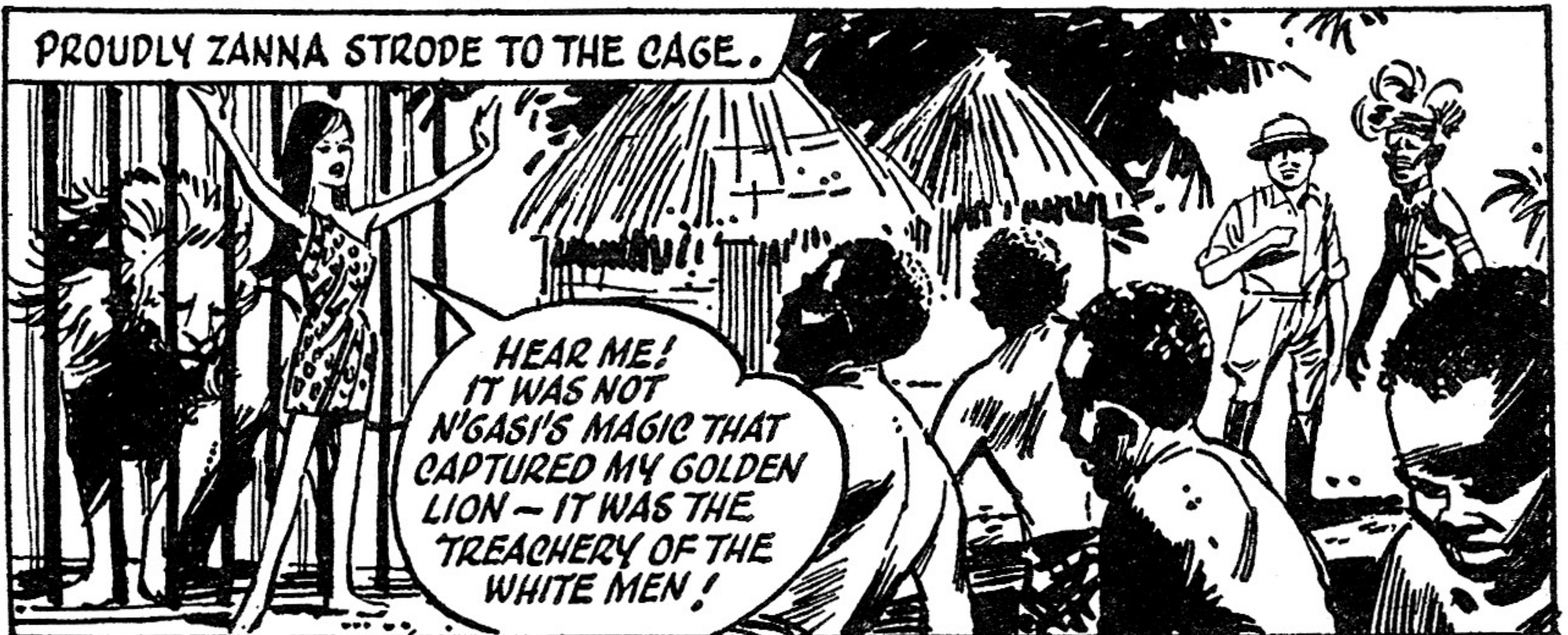




THINGS HAPPENED THEN AT BREATHLESS SPEED.



PROUDLY ZANNA STRODE TO THE CAGE.





SO THE DAYS PASSED.
AND IN THE DEEP FORESTS
THEY STILL WHISPERED
OF THAT AMAZING SCENE
WHEN ZANNA RESCUED
THE GOLDEN LION.
MEANWHILE, AUSTEN
HAD RETURNED TO
CAMP WITH HIS
THEORY THAT THE
TEMPLE OF SHEBA
MIGHT LIE BENEATH
THE WATERS OF A
MOUNTAIN LAKE.
AND QUICKLY
DAVE CARSON MADE
PLANS TO SEARCH...

SO IT WAS THAT ZANNA, WALKING AMIDST
THE HILLS ABOVE HER VALLEY, SAW AN
ASTONISHING SIGHT.



ZANNA COULD NOT KNOW
THAT DAVE WAS USING A
KIND OF GEIGER COUNTER
TO TRY TO DETECT THE
PRESENCE OF PRECIOUS
METALS UNDER THE WATER.

THE COUNTER'S
REACTING. IT COULD
MEAN THAT WE'RE
IMMEDIATELY ABOVE
THE TEMPLE.

THEN THERE'S
A FORTUNE RIGHT
UNDER OUR
FEET.





ZANNA'S THOUGHTS WERE TROUBLED.



IN HER TREE-HOUSE ZANNA PACED RESTLESSLY TO AND FRO.



NO! I CANNOT
LET THE FAIR-HAIRED
ONE GO TO HIS DOOM.
WITH THIS GOURD
I CAN SAVE HIM.

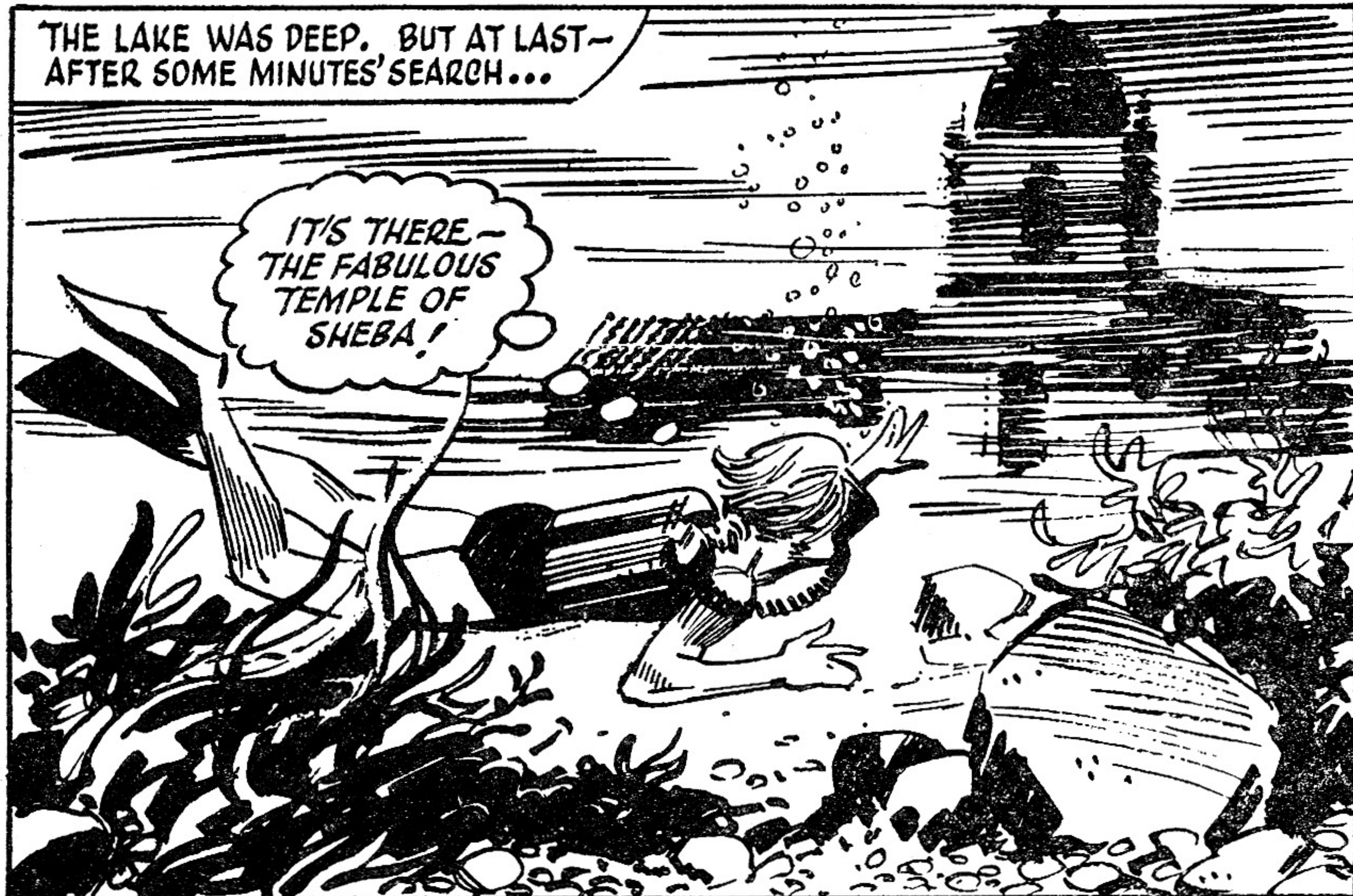


MEANWHILE, WITH AUSTEN WELLS AND JUDY,
DAVE HAD RETURNED TO THE LAKE WITH DIVING
GEAR. AND HALF-AN-HOUR LATER...



THE LAKE WAS DEEP. BUT AT LAST—
AFTER SOME MINUTES' SEARCH...

IT'S THERE—
THE FABULOUS
TEMPLE OF
SHEBA!



SUDDENLY, IT WAS AS IF SOMETHING
SNAKE-LIKE WOUND ITSELF AROUND
HIS LEG.



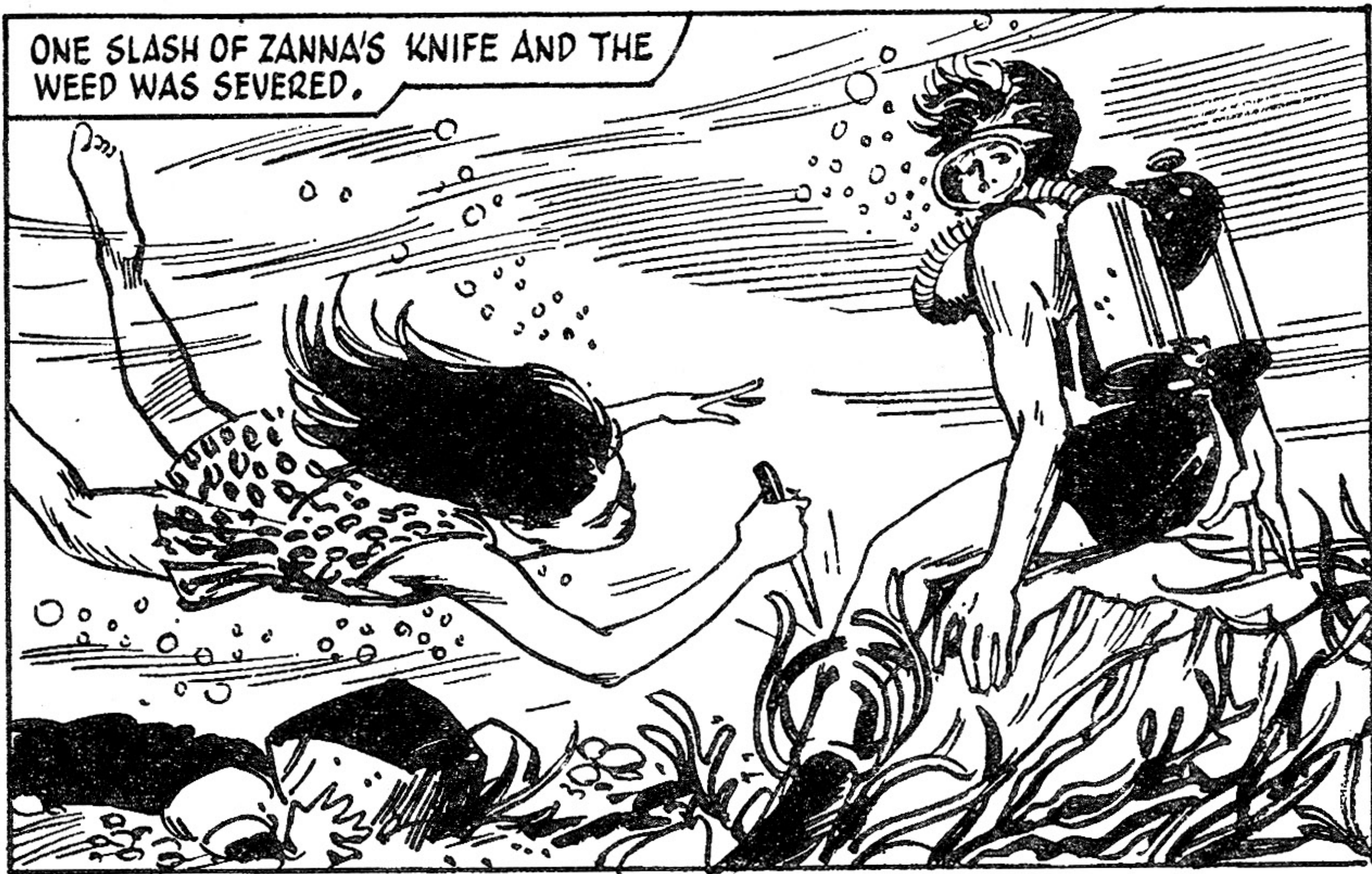
THE WEED!
IT'S TRAPPED ME!
I—I CAN'T GET
FREE!

AND THEN—A NEW AND DREADFUL
PERIL...





ONE SLASH OF ZANNA'S KNIFE AND THE WEED WAS SEVERED.

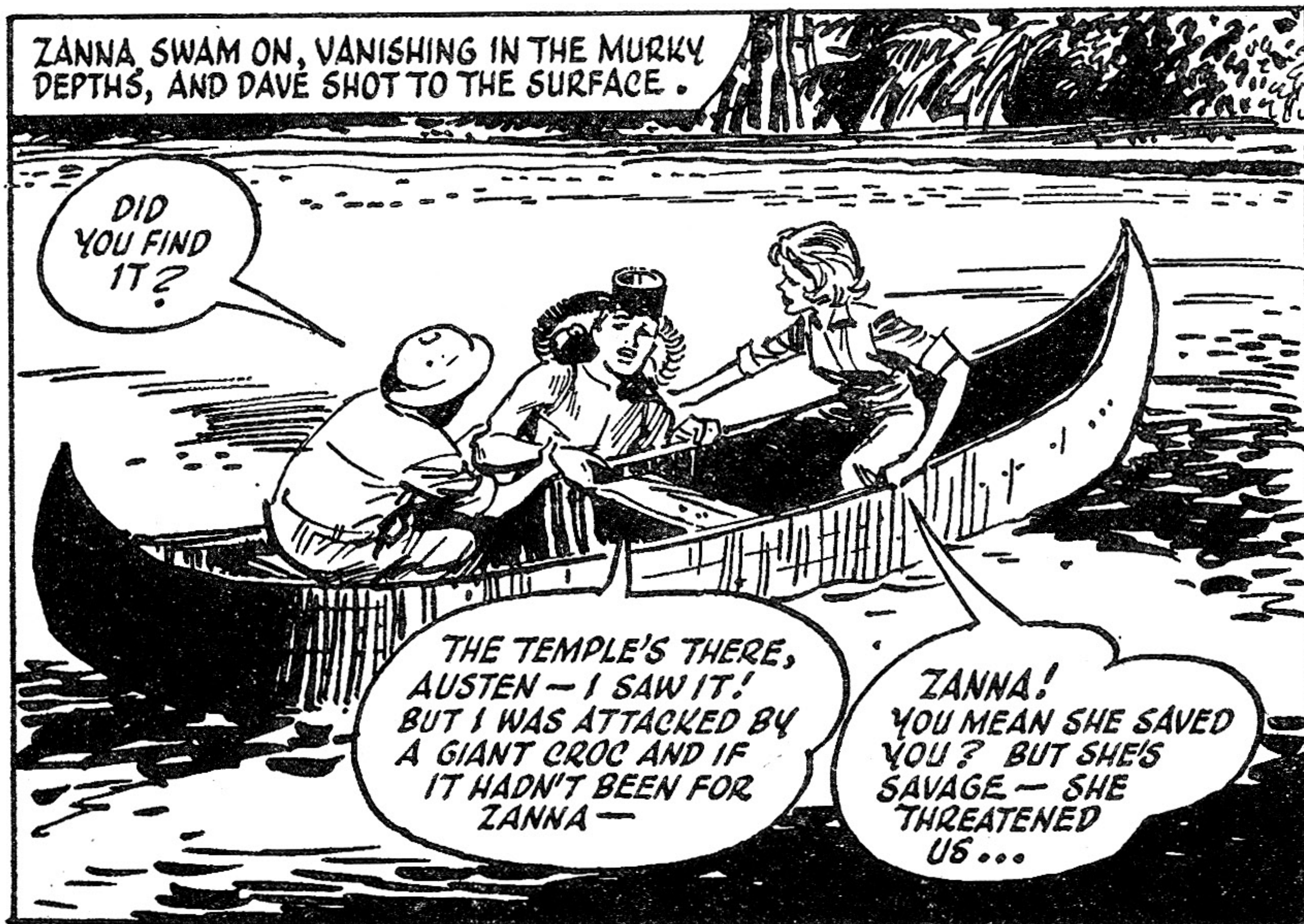


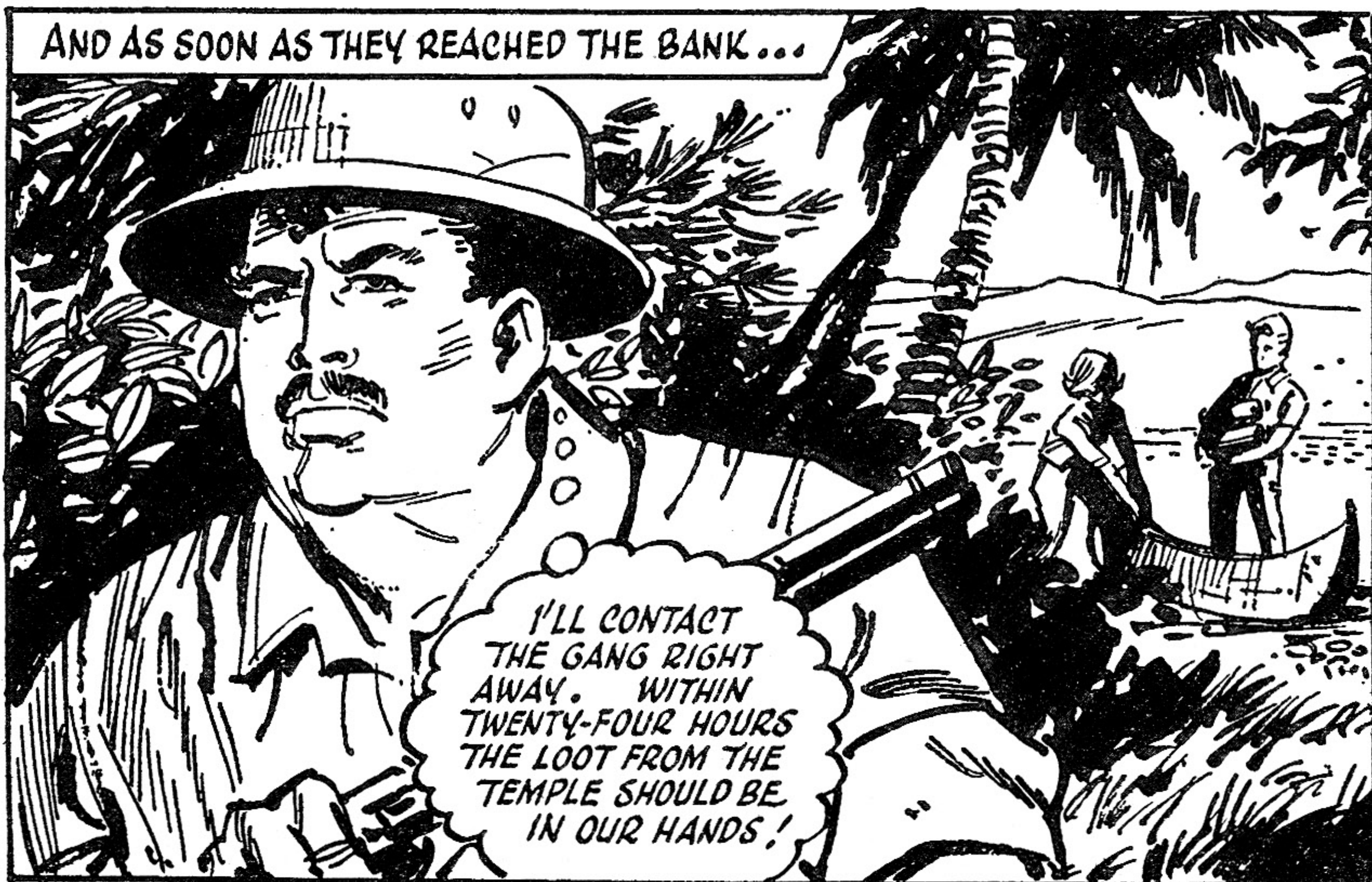
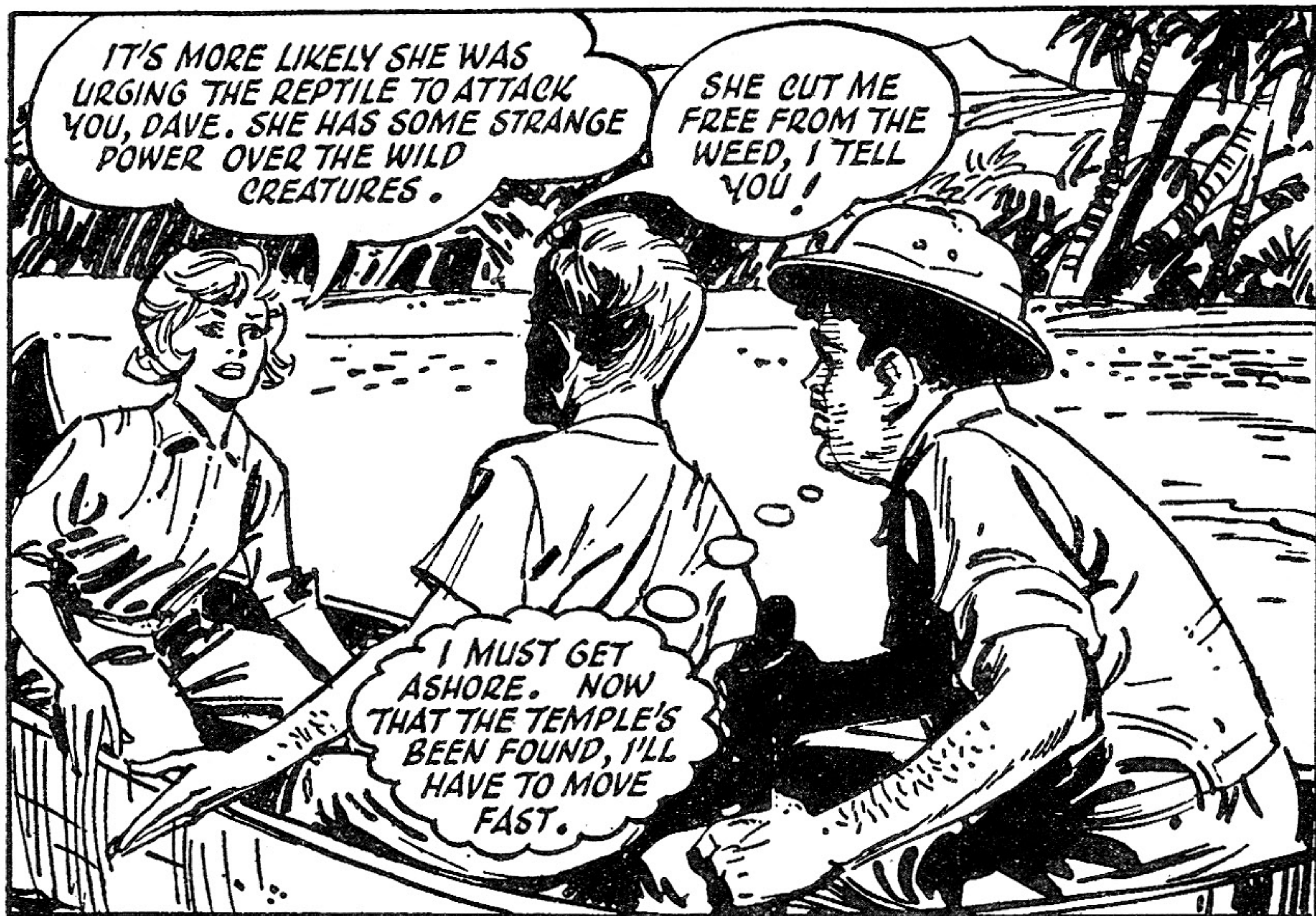
ZANNA SWAM ON, VANISHING IN THE MURKY DEPTHS, AND DAVE SHOT TO THE SURFACE.

DID
YOU FIND
IT?

THE TEMPLE'S THERE,
AUSTEN — I SAW IT!
BUT I WAS ATTACKED BY
A GIANT CROC AND IF
IT HADN'T BEEN FOR
ZANNA —

ZANNA!
YOU MEAN SHE SAVED
YOU? BUT SHE'S
SAVAGE — SHE
THREATENED
US...







IN A NEARBY CAVE AUSTEN'S ACCOMPLICES
WERE CAMPED.



WE CAN START
PLACING THE DYNAMITE
CHARGE RIGHT AWAY. WE
SHOULD BE READY TO
EXPLODE IT ABOUT
NOON TOMORROW.



ZANNA HAD HEARD EVERYTHING.



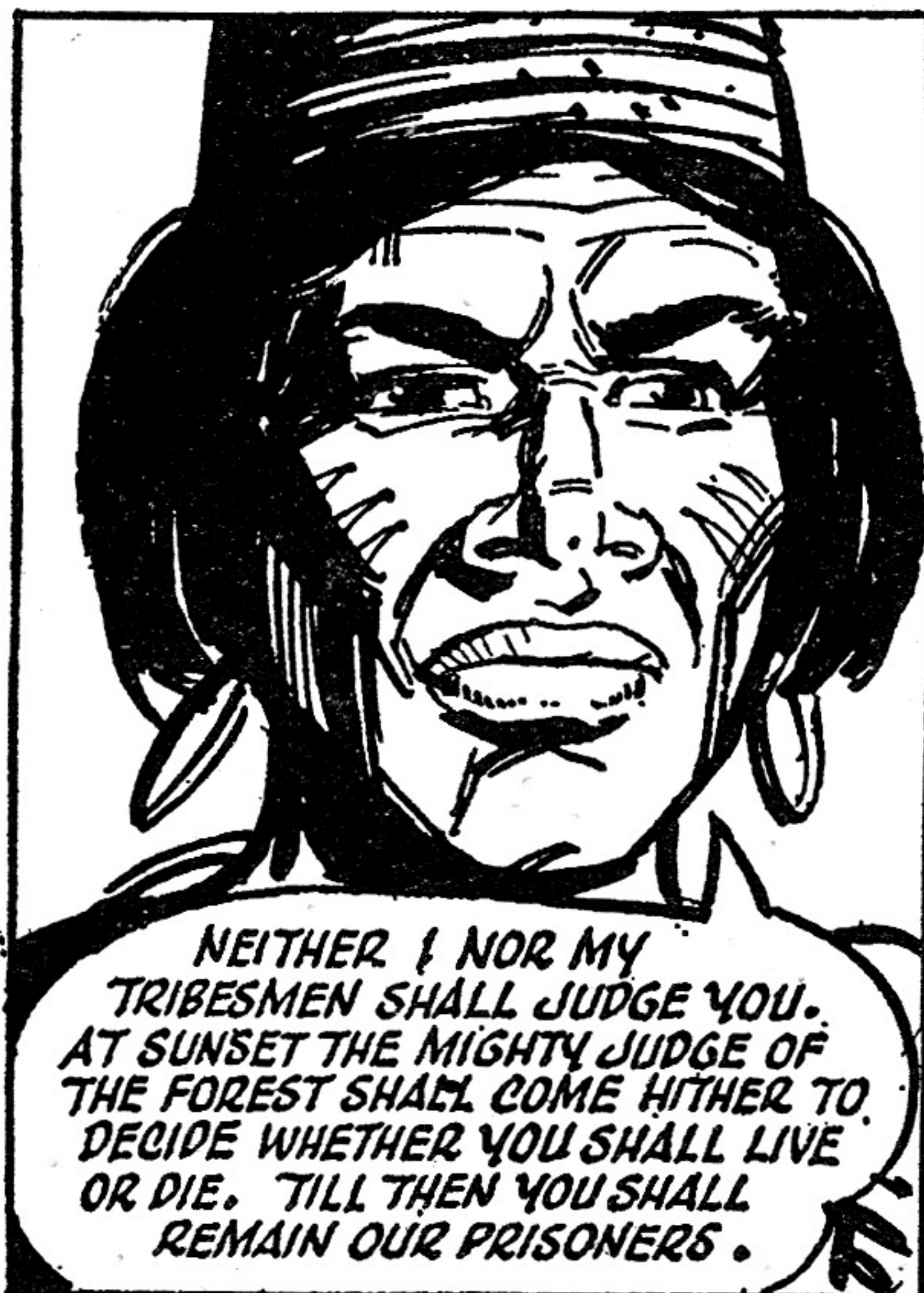
SHE KNEW NOW THAT DAVE AND THE WHITE GIRL HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CAPTURE OF THE GOLDEN LION— BUT THESE OTHER MEN WITH SUCH EVIL FACES, WHAT NEW TREACHERY WERE THEY PLOTTING ?

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE M'BOTO VILLAGE...

HEARKEN,
O WHITE PEOPLE.
YOU ARE ACCUSED OF
DEFILING OUR SACRED
LAKE WITH YOUR
EVIL SPELLS.

CHIEF!
YOU'VE GOT IT
ALL WRONG...

SILENCE,
WHITE
MAN!



IN A GUARDED HUT...

DAVE!
I—I'M SCARED.
WHO IS THIS
MIGHTY JUDGE
THEY TALK ABOUT?

I DON'T KNOW,
JUDY. BUT THANK
GOODNESS AUSTEN GOT
AWAY. HE MAY
BRING HELP.

THE HOURS PASSED. THE THROB OF DRUMS SOUNDED EVER MORE LOUDLY AND MENACINGLY.

IF ONLY THEY'D STOP THAT AWFUL DRUMMING!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY AUSTEN DOESN'T MAKE SOME MOVE. HE COULD ARM THE BEARERS — COME TO OUR HELP.

AND AT SUNSET...

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT THE JUDGE'S SPEAR WILL BE FLUNG INTO THE GROUND. BUT IF GUILTY — THE SPEAR WILL BE RAISED AS A SIGN TO THOSE WARRIORS TO HURL THEIR WEAPONS AT YOUR HEARTS.

SEE! THE WISE AND POWERFUL JUDGE COMES!

AN EERIE, ALMOST TERRIFYING FIGURE
HAD EMERGED FROM THE JUNGLE.



THROUGH THE WEIRD MASK THE
JUDGE'S VOICE CAME IN MUFFLED
TONES...



BECAUSE
WE HAVE SEEN THEM
MOVING TO AND FRO
ACROSS OUR SACRED LAKE,
CASTING EVIL SPELLS
WITH STRANGE
INSTRUMENTS.



IT ISN'T TRUE!
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING
FOR A LOST TEMPLE WHICH
WE BELIEVE IS FILLED WITH
TREASURE. IF I FIND IT, IT
WILL BE USED TO BENEFIT
THE TRIBES AROUND HERE —
AND THE JUNGLE ANIMALS.

THERE WAS A MOMENT OF SILENCE,
THEN...



I HAVE HEARD
THE WORDS OF THE
CHIEF AND THE WHITE
MAN. NOW I WILL
CONSIDER THIS
MATTER.

ANOTHER SILENCE, TENSE AND
FILLED WITH MEANING...



SUDDENLY, THE JUDGE ACTED...



THE GREAT
JUDGE HAS
SPOKEN.
THEY ARE
INNOCENT.

GO IN PEACE,
O STRANGERS!

QUICK, JUDY!
LET'S GET MOVING -
BEFORE THEY CHANGE
THEIR MINDS.







BUT ZANNA WAS GONE.



AS THEY REACHED THEIR OWN CAMP...



A MOCKING VOICE ANSWERED, AS
AUSTEN WELLS STEPPED FROM
BEHIND THE TENTS.



THANKS FOR
FINDING THE TEMPLE
FOR ME. NOW WE'RE
GOING TO DRAIN THE
LAKE, LOAD THE TREASURE
ON OUR LORRY AND MOVE
OFF. TAKE 'EM UP
TO THE CAVE!



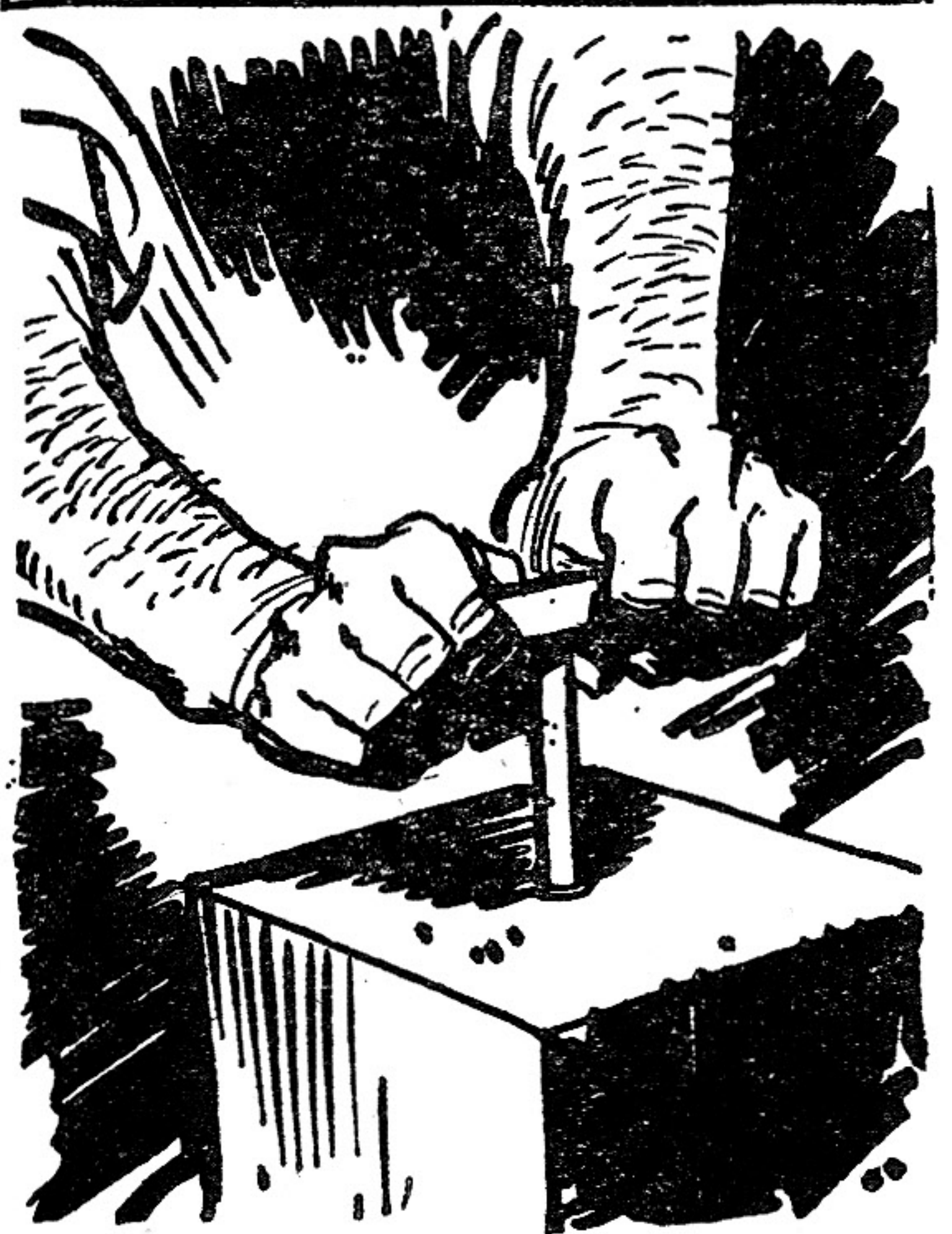
SUNRISE NEXT DAY — AND FROM A HIGH PERCH
NEAR THE LAKE ZANNA WAS WATCHING.



ALTHOUGH ZANNA DID NOT UNDERSTAND IT,
THE DYNAMITE CHARGES HAD ALREADY
BEEN PLACED IN POSITION.



THE PLUNGER OF THE DETONATOR
WAS PRESSED DOWNWARDS.





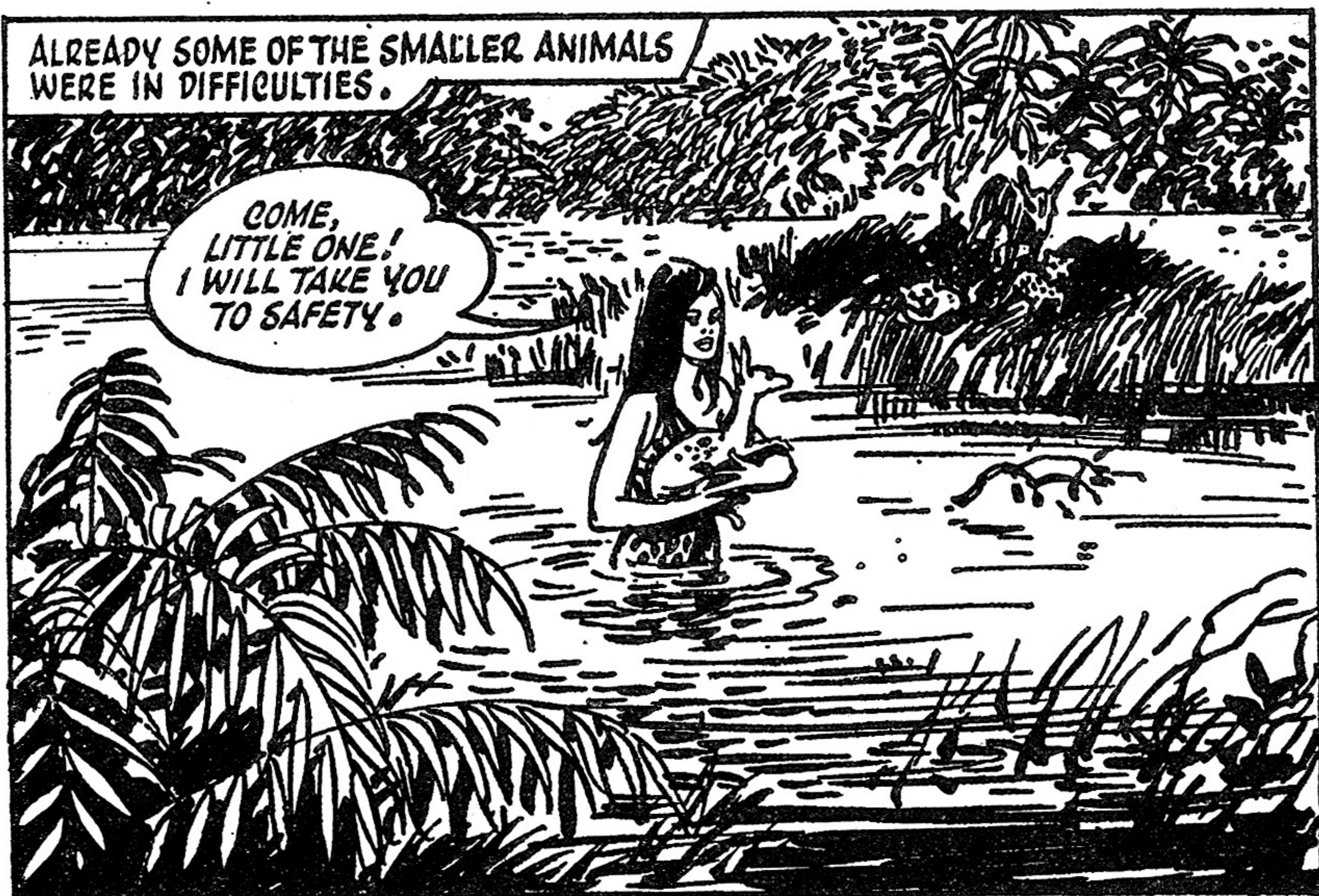
ALREADY THE WATER WAS STREAMING DOWN INTO THE VALLEY,
AND AS SHE RAN FORWARD ZANNA MET CHIEF KWANBUSU.



THE PEOPLE HAVE
FLED IN TERROR.
THE WHITE ONES YOU
RELEASED HAVE DONE
THIS EVIL THING,
O ZANNA.

NO! IT WAS THE
OTHER WHITE MAN —
THE TRAITOR. I SAW
HIM BEWITCH THE LAKE
WITH A MAGIC BOX —
AND NOW PERIL COMES
TO MY VALLEY!

ALREADY SOME OF THE SMALLER ANIMALS
WERE IN DIFFICULTIES.



COME,
LITTLE ONE!
I WILL TAKE YOU
TO SAFETY.

BUT SOON ZANNA
REALISED THAT THE
TASK OF RESCUE
WAS BEYOND HER
STRENGTH.

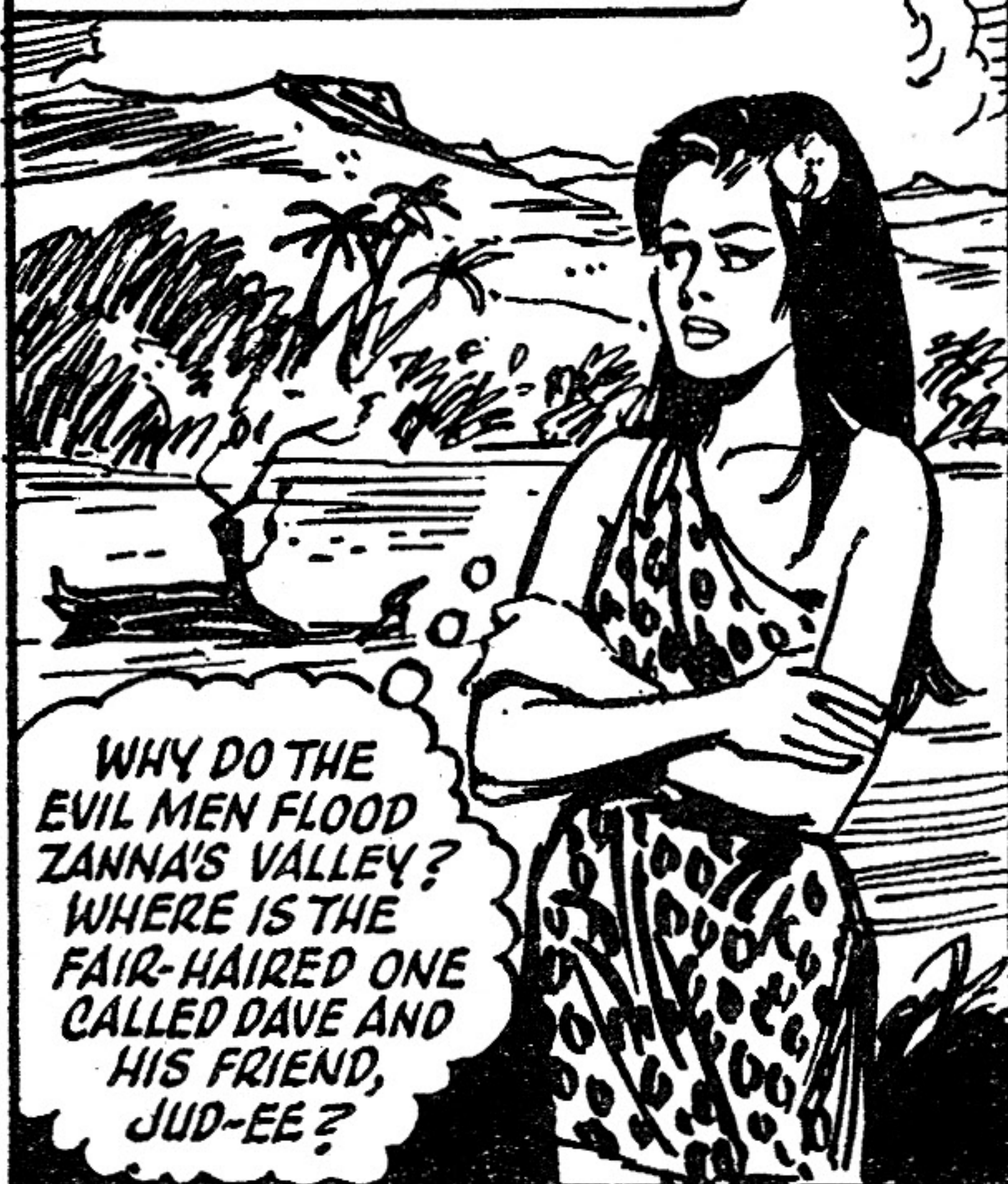
AI-EE!
THE FLOOD WATERS
COME STILL MORE
SWIFTLY.

SO SHE SENT AN ECHOING
CALL FOR HELP—
TO HARJA AND HIS HERD
OF ELEPHANTS.





BUT AS SHE GAZED AT THOSE
FOAMING WATERS, ZANNA'S
THOUGHTS WERE TROUBLED.



WHY DO THE
EVIL MEN FLOOD
ZANNA'S VALLEY?
WHERE IS THE
FAIR-HAIRED ONE
CALLED DAVE AND
HIS FRIEND,
JUD-EE?

IT IS CHUPPI,
AND HE BRINGS
SOMETHING IN
HIS PAW.



IT WAS A HANDKERCHIEF.
ZANNA COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE
INITIALS "J.N", BUT THE FAINT
PERFUME CLINGING TO IT TOLD HER
IT WAS JUDY NORSE'S.

CHATTERING EXCITEDLY, CHUPPI SWUNG
AWAY THROUGH THE TREES- AND ZANNA
FOLLOWED.



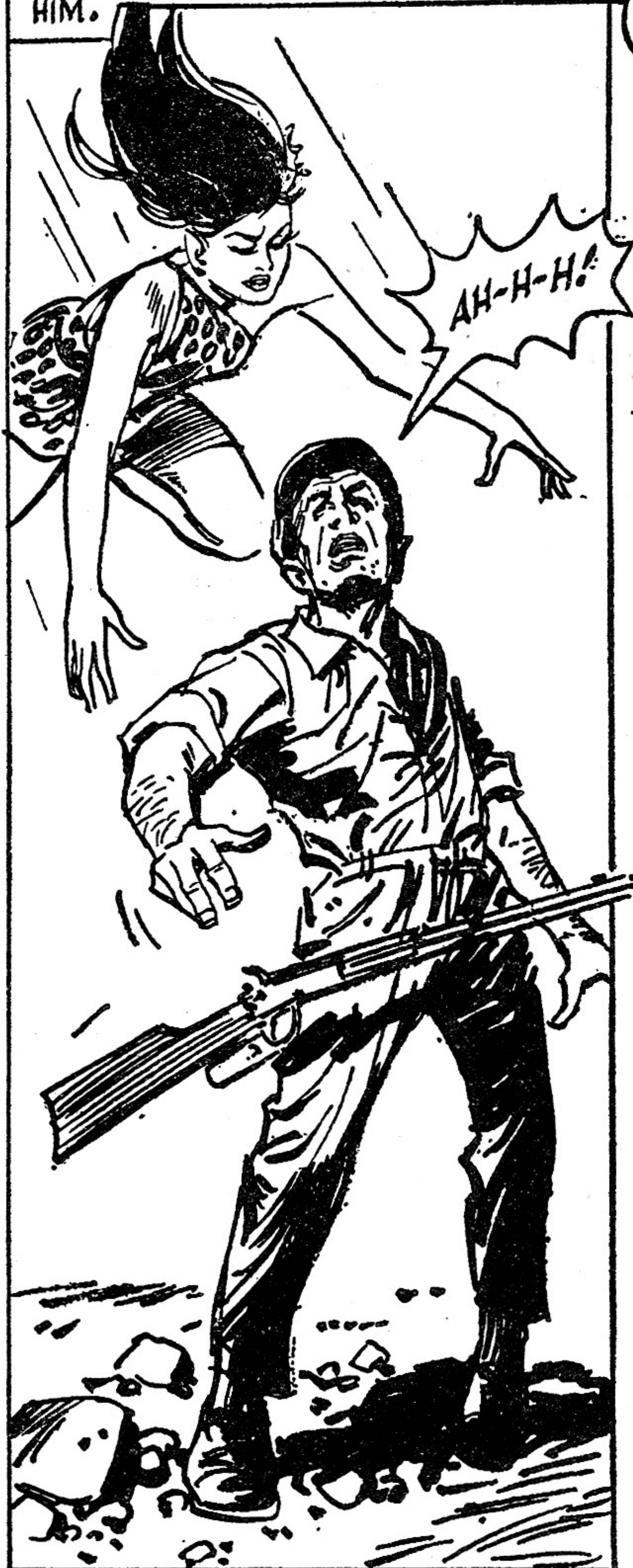
FASTER,
CHUPPI-FASTER!
I FEEL THAT
DANGER THREATENS
DAVE AND
JUD-EE!

CHUPPI LED THE WAY TO THE CRAGGY
HEIGHTS BEYOND THE JUNGLE.



EVIL MAN
GUARDS CAVE.
IT MUST BE THAT
DAVE AND HIS FRIEND
ARE PRISONERS.

ONCE AGAIN ANGER FLARED IN ZANNA'S HEART—AND THE CROOK ON GUARD THOUGHT A THUNDERBOLT HAD STRUCK HIM.



ZANNA HURRIED INTO THE CAVE.

ZANNA! WHEN YOUR PET CHIMP WANDERED IN HERE WE PERSUADED HIM TO PICK UP JUDY'S HANDKERCHIEF, HOPING HE'D TAKE IT TO YOU.



THEY FOUND THAT THE GUARD HAD BOLTED—AND, GLANCING AT HIS WATCH, DAVE SHOOK HIS HEAD HOPELESSLY.

BY THIS TIME THE LAKE WILL HAVE BEEN DRAINED AND THEY'LL BE LOOTING THE TEMPLE. I'M AFRAID THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.



AT THAT MOMENT, AUSTEN WELLS WAS
GAZING IN TRIUMPH AT THE TEMPLE
THAT HAD BEEN HIDDEN FOR SO LONG.

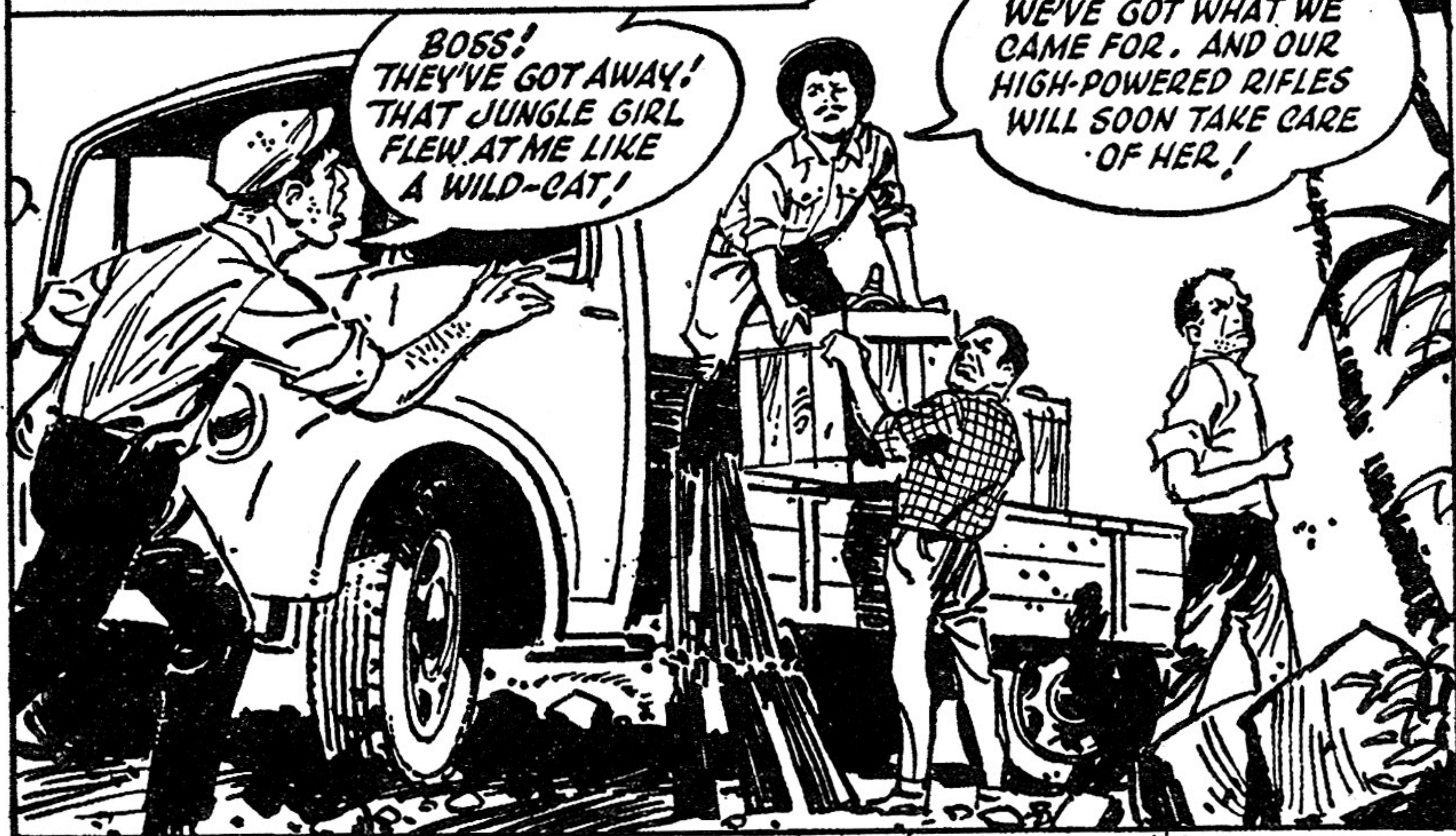
IT'S MY GUESS THE
PLACE IS STUFFED WITH
TREASURE. LET'S GET
CRACKING.



THIS IS SOLID GOLD,
ENCRUSTED WITH GEMS.
AND TO THINK THAT FOOL
DAVE CARSON WOULD HAVE
WASTED IT ALL ON GAME
RESERVES AND HOSPITALS
FOR NATIVES!



GREEDILY - WITH FURIOUS HASTE - THEY LOADED THEIR VAN, THEN CAME STARTLING NEWS.



BOSS!
THEY'VE GOT AWAY!
THAT JUNGLE GIRL
FLEW AT ME LIKE
A WILD-CAT!

WHO CARES?
WE'VE GOT WHAT WE
CAME FOR. AND OUR
HIGH-POWERED RIFLES
WILL SOON TAKE CARE
OF HER!

AT THE FOOT OF THE SLOPE, SCREENED BY TREES, ZANNA WAS GAZING AT THE SCENE.



SO THOSE
WICKED MEN ARE
ROBBERS! I WILL
SEND MY ELEPHANTS
TO PUT THEM TO
FLIGHT!

NO, NO!
THEY'RE HEAVILY
ARMED. THE ELEPHANTS
WOULD BE SHOT DOWN
BEFORE THEY COULD
EVEN GET THERE.

FOR A FEW MOMENTS, ZANNA
THOUGHT DEEPLY.
THEN SHE SENT OUT
A WEIRD CALL.



KUK-RAAA!
AIY-AB-AAA!
ZA-EEE!

THE CALL ECHOED AMIDST THE HIGH CRAGS
WHERE KUKRA AND OTHER
EAGLES NESTED.

SOME MOMENTS LATER...

BY HECK!
THE JUNGLE GIRL!
SHE'S BRINGIN' THE
ELEPHANTS AGAINST
US, BOSS!

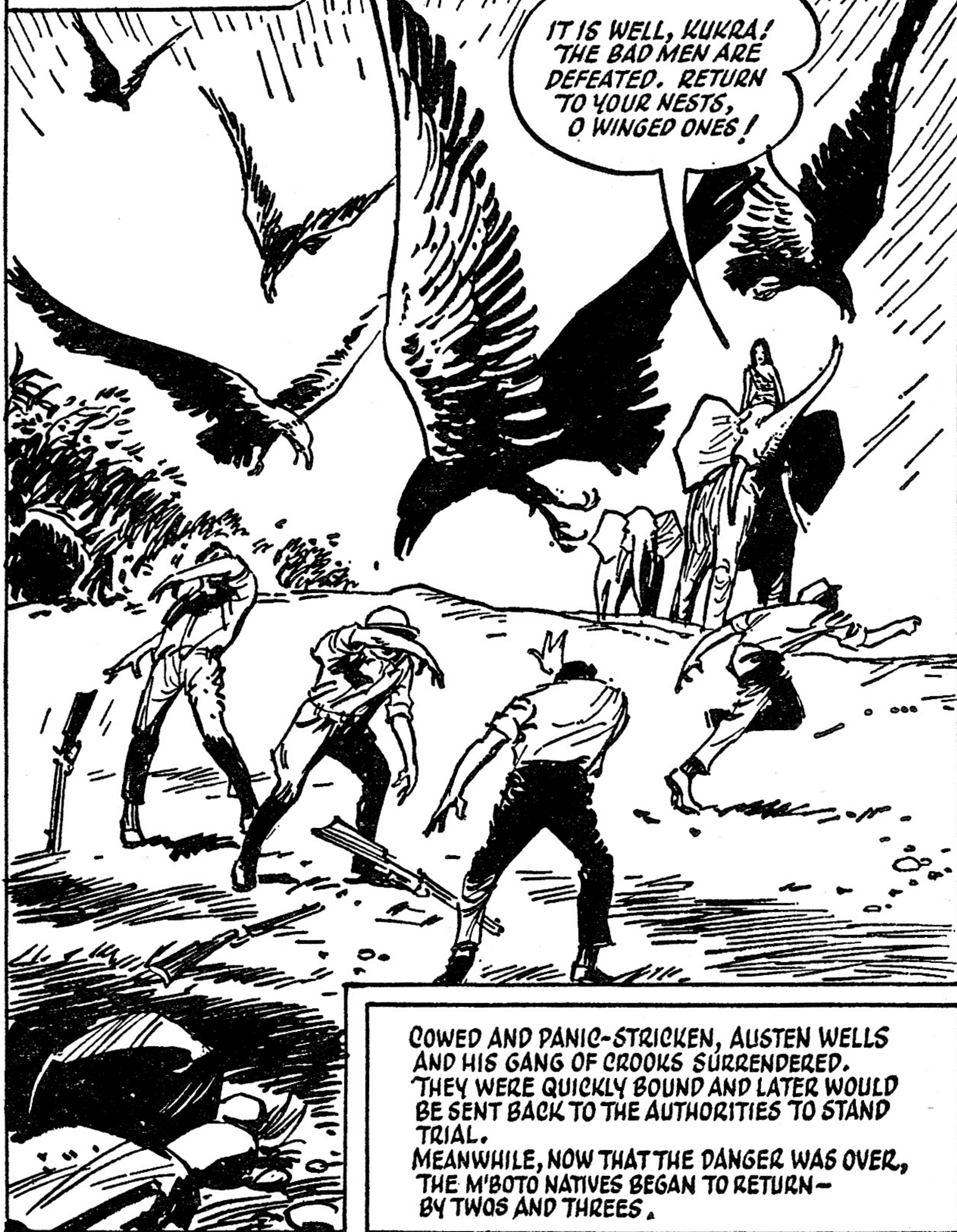
ZA-EEEE-
ZA-EEE-EEEE

THEN
SHOOT 'EM
DOWN!
SHOOT!
SHOOT!

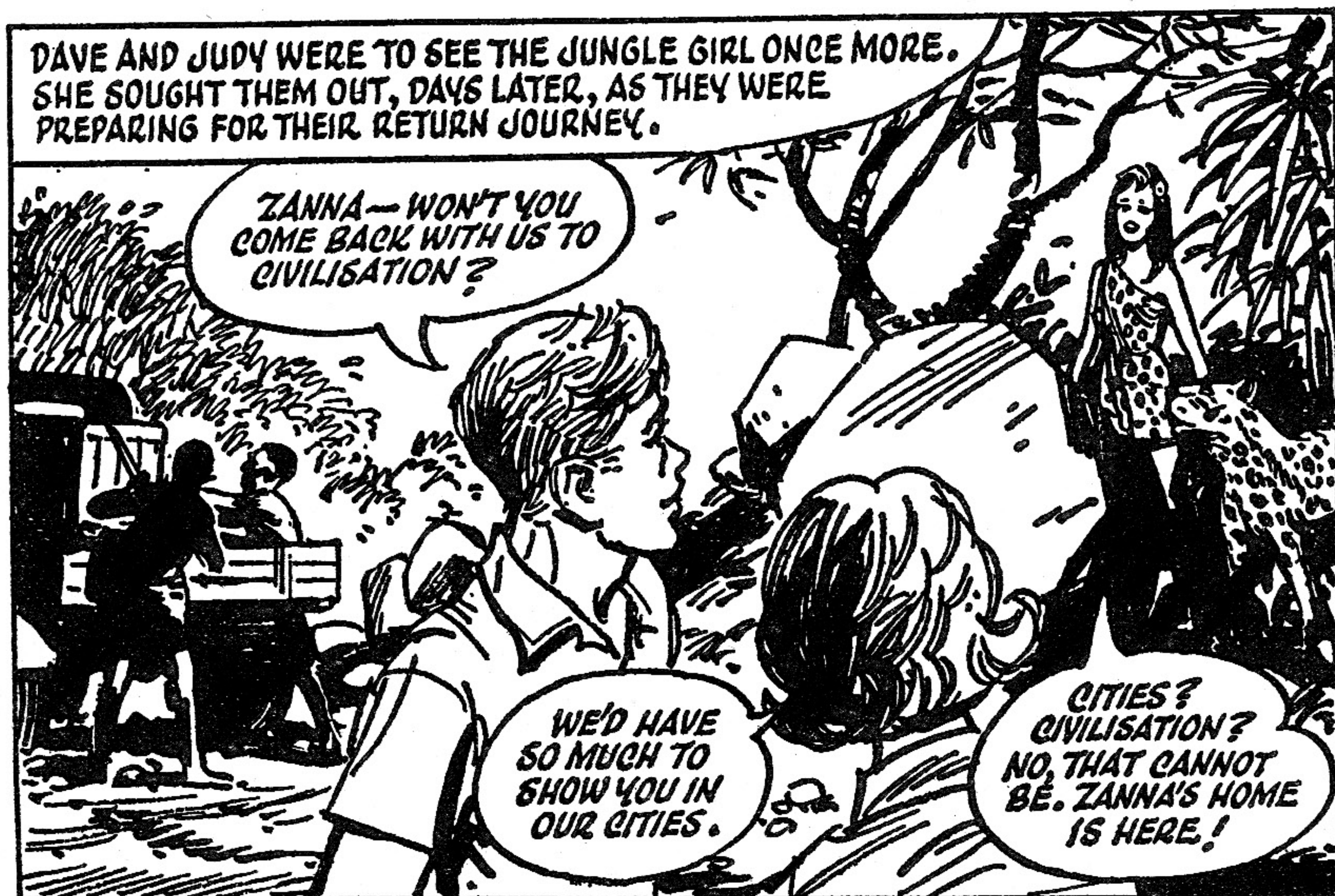
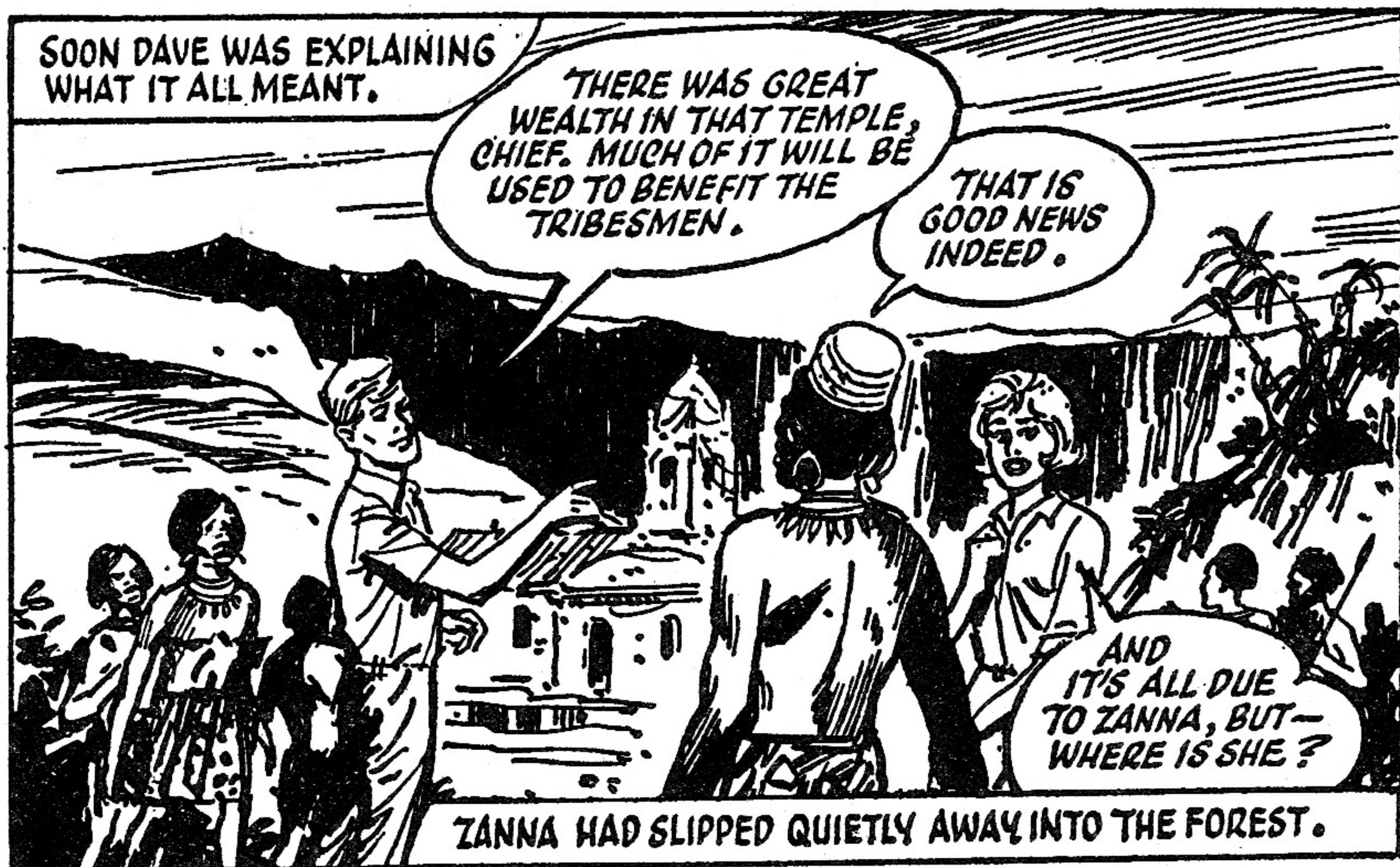
BUT DROPPING LIKE LIGHTNING OUT OF
THE CLEAR SKY CAME WINGED HELPERS
FOR ZANNA.

NOT A SHOT WAS FIRED. INSTEAD, SCREAMS OF TERROR BROKE FROM AUSTEN AND HIS GANG.

IT IS WELL, KUKRA!
THE BAD MEN ARE
DEFEATED. RETURN
TO YOUR NESTS,
O WINGED ONES!

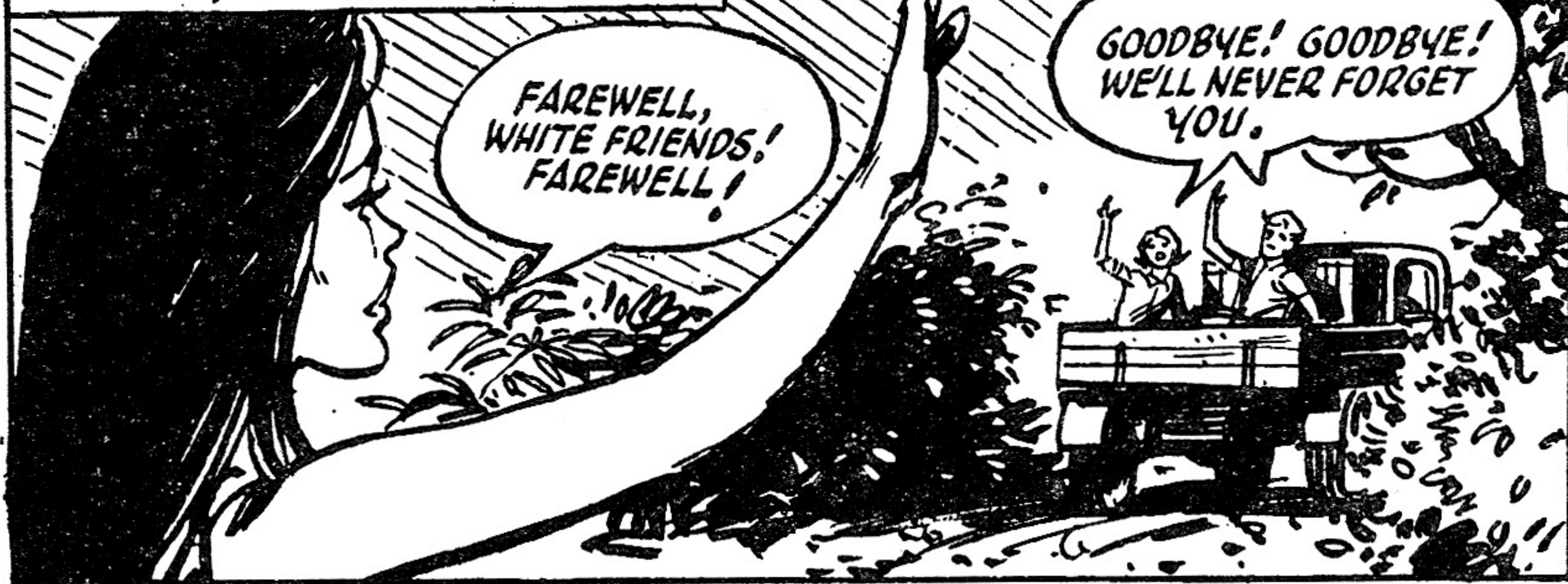


COWED AND PANIC-STRICKEN, AUSTEN WELLS AND HIS GANG OF CROOKS SURRENDERED. THEY WERE QUICKLY BOUND AND LATER WOULD BE SENT BACK TO THE AUTHORITIES TO STAND TRIAL. MEANWHILE, NOW THAT THE DANGER WAS OVER, THE M'BOTO NATIVES BEGAN TO RETURN—BY TWOS AND THREES.



RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION. SEE PAGE 58

SO THEY LOOKED THEIR LAST ON THE STRANGEST GIRL THEY HAD EVER MET
—ZANNA, QUEEN OF THE JUNGLE.



NOW THAT HER VALLEY WAS FLOODED,
ZANNA SOUGHT A NEW HOME—
QUESTING INTO THE WILDS, FAR
FROM THE HAUNTS OF MEN.



Next month: Another story about Zanna. It is called "ZANNA AND THE VALLEY OF FLAME" and shows Zanna among the gorillas.

Your Friend Patti Writes

Hello all,

A short letter this month because we're giving our competition results at the foot of this page. Congratulations to those who won a prize and "hard luck" to those who didn't. The editor tells me that the titles suggested by all of you were so good he found it difficult to choose the best. And the story most of you gave as first choice was the space story about Zenda. It's one of my favourites, too.

Talking of stories I must mention that in the Princess Library series this month there's one called "Uncle Lionel's Patent Pop Singer" which I'm sure your younger brother or sister would love. So do mention it to them, won't you.

And now for those winners. Bless you all.

Your friend,

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a purse and eight half-crowns.*

Janet Hiskett, Dagenham, Essex. **Philippa Berry**, Barnet, Herts. **Anna Cooper**, Shoreditch, London. **Maureen Armstrong**, Claygate, Surrey. **Elizabeth Blake**, Carlisle, Cumberland. **Toni Trestrail**, Exmouth, Devon. **Pamela Thompson**, Whitley Bay, Northumberland. **Marilyn Rosenblatt**, Liverpool 18. **Elizabeth Walker**, Belfast, Northern Ireland. **Irene Bartlett**, Dinnet, Aberdeenshire.

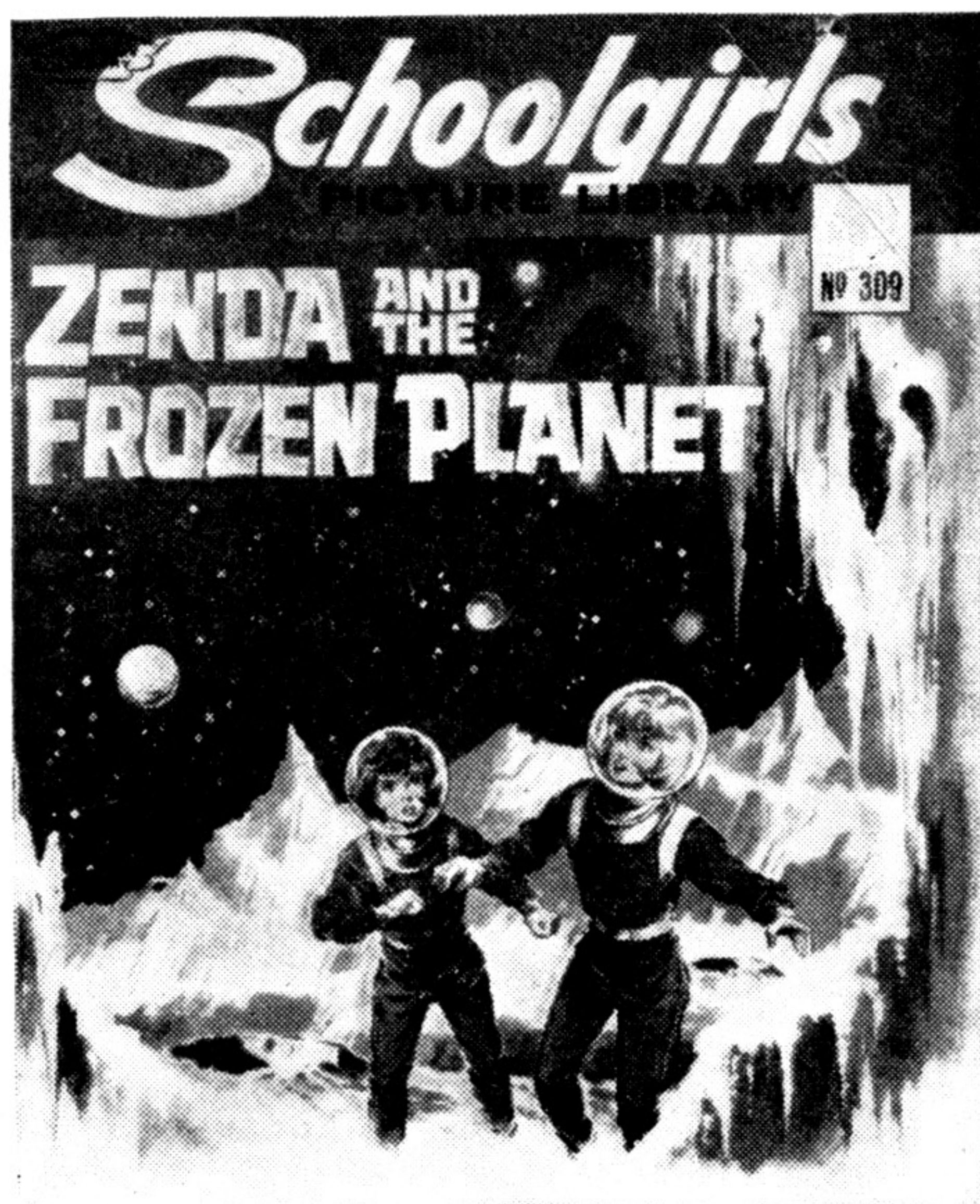
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